

Beautification Committee
September 11, 2017
Village Hall
3:30 PM

I. Call to Order: Rowell

Attendance: Jeff Batton, Kevin Brewer, Kim Gilley, Bert Higgins, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Amy McKenzie, Walt Morgan, Molly Rowell, Connie Welk.
Randy Murzyn is not longer on the Beautification membership list.

Guest: Collett Kolinski

II. Approval of Minutes: Rowell

Kevin moved to accept the minutes and Mary Hall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Budget- Brewer

Kevin presented the budget.

- o Westlake Point grant was awarded.
- o There is \$10.987 remaining in beautification grants.
- o Kevin purchased the 8 ½' tree clusters and noted that the company says the remaining trees will arrive by Christmas.

IV. Calendar- Brewer

Kevin distributed the calendar. Kevin plans to use most of the same plants for the next year that were previously used with good success.

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| Sept. 28 | Spring plant order submitted |
| Sept. 29-30 | Prep container downtown and replace centerpieces. |
| Oct. 5 | Planting of downtown containers and stacked stone planters |
| Oct. 13, 16 | Remove summer annuals and prep flower beds for fall annuals in the downtown flower beds, Village Hall ellipse, and Tufts Memorial Park |
| Oct. 12 | Planting the Gateway Signs areas with partners |
| Oct. 17 | Planting Day downtown. Plant annuals downtown in the Village Hall ellipse, St. Andrews, and Lost Tree/Oakmont. |
| Oct. 17-20 | Plant annuals in Tuft's Park |
| Oct. 24 th Week | Remove hanging baskets downtown for winter |
| Nov. 15-16 | Put out Christmas Tree Clusters |
| Nov. 16-17 | Put up large Christmas Tree |
| Nov. 20 | Decorate the large Christmas Tree |
| Nov. 21 | Hang swags on the sign posts |
| Nov. 20 | Hang wreaths downtown |
| Dec 1 | Christmas Tree Lighting |
| Dec. 4 | Christmas Decorating Contest Judging |

- Jan. 2-3 Take down Christmas Tree and tree lightning
- Jan. 5 Take down swags
- Jan. 4 Take down wreaths

It would be helpful to have our group assist on January 4th with taking down wreaths.

V. Beautification Grant- Higgins, Rowell, Sabo
No discussion

VI. Old Business - Rowell

- Review of Beautification Committee Priority Items:
 - Azalea Garden – nothing new.
 - Longleaf Dr./Spring Lake Circle Landscape – sidewalk completed and planting can now take place.
 - Railroad Viaduct Enhancements: Molly read a memo from Jeff. He added further insight noting that he has had discussion with the Railroad and DOT regarding the railroad trestle. In moving ahead, the Village would research some ideas to present to the Railroad and DOT at some point in the near future. If plans are approved by all parties, there could be discussion of funding potential with possible cooperative effort. Jeff noted that the Beautification Committee would have input into this design and any plans must be subject to DOT, Railroad and Village approval. Jeff also mentioned that a brown/tan/cream color palette could probably meet with approval by the Railroad, that faux stone caps are a possibility, and the Pinehurst pinecone emblem may work. The Railroad plans to paint the trestle by the next U.S. Open.
 - Joint Project with Loblolly Garden Club: Mary Hall will be the liaison to Loblolly. Walt gave an update on the entrance near the Harness Track and asked that someone from Loblolly sit in on the plans. Jeff and Kevin will begin working on irrigation.
 - Hwy 211/Hwy 5 Entrance Enhancements: Jeff gave an update. The Village budgeted \$25,000 for 211 and will find out in the next month how much DOT will contribute to planting crepe myrtles along 211 including the Hwy 5 intersection. The Village could then make a determination as to additional enhancements with the budgeted money.
 - Jeff confirmed that the diseased Cherry trees along the median on 15/501 from the circle will be removed and replanted with crepe myrtles.
 - Christmas Decorating Contest: Judges so far are: Dave Kilarski from First Health, John Bouldry, Bob Farren of Pinehurst CC, Marcia Rowbottom and perhaps Kim Gilley. Molly suggested the theme of Christmas Around the World and it was approved by the committee. Options to recognize winners could come from a sign, notice in the Village Newsletter, Press releases with photos as well as Facebook. Melissa Holt is the contact for publicity.
 - Other Items:
 - BC Project Locator Guide Brochure is in progress. Molly has worked with Sherri Sabo on the locator brochure and she will start coming to our meetings
 - The Village logo is trademarked and Molly asked if the word Pinehurst as seen in the Gateway signs could also be trademarked.
 - Bert and Jeff shared information about the benches project. Bert mentioned that the Doral Woods pilot bench was well received but there was no determination made of its use numbers. For future benches there are two possible options. The first is that the Beautification Committee could have its own initiative to place benches where the committee felt appropriate. The second is that neighborhood associations could request one in their application since as Jeff remarked that beautification grants now allow for funding a bench

as part of neighborhood grants. Molly observed that we could create a subcommittee and locate spots, design plan, and go through the approval but it was agreed that no action will be taken unless we want to make this a project.

- Molly has been in touch with Bob Koontz who has the full landscape plan for the new apartments and will share the plans at the next meeting.
- Cleaning the Gateway Signs? Walt is working on this.

VII. New Business

- **New Project Possibilities:**
 - Right of way landscaping on McCaskill near the new apartments? Nothing has been planted as of today but there is expected completion in the next month and the area should resemble Macintyre.
 - Hwy 220/Hwy 211 Entrance? Molly spoke with Pat Corso of Partners in Progress re 211 and I-73/220 junction. Mr. Corso met with Brandon Jones of DOT who said there are plans for sprucing up that area for the 2024 Open. Molly mentioned possible coalitions with other communities to get something permanently done at that intersection.
 - Hwy 5 South from Morganton Rd. to the Village limits. Molly would like members to be thinking of possibilities for future opportunities.

VIII. *Meetings of BC are held the first Monday of the months indicated at 3:30 PM.*

- a) **Next Meeting Dates: October 2, November 6, December 4. (2018) No Meeting in January, February 5, March 5, April, May 7.**

IX. Comments from attendees.

Collett Kolinski asked about if something could be done about the crumbling blacktop slope at the turn to the airport after coming out of the traffic circle. Jeff said that would probably be DOT.

X. Motion to Adjourn.

Bert moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Johnson