

**Pinehurst Beautification Committee**  
**October 2, 2017**  
**Village Hall**  
**3:30 PM**

**I. Call to Order: Rowell**

Attendees: Jeff Batton, John Bouldry, Kevin Brewer, Mike Davis (for Kathy Davis), Brenda Harvey, Bert Higgins, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Walt Morgan, Molly Rowell, Sherri Sabo, Lorraine Tweed, Connie Welk

Guests – Deb Wemberly, Charlene Rudd

**Announcements:**

- Welcome to Sherri Sabo from Outreach and Bert Higgins who are now members of the Beautification committee.
- Molly reflected on the past month of devastation in our country and called for a moment of silence.

**II. Approval of Minutes: Rowell**

Mary Hall Koontz moved to accept the minutes. Lorraine Tweed seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**III. Budget- Brewer**

Kevin distributed the budget and noted \$1950 for the irrigation meter at the harness track as the only new item. Bert Higgins moved to accept the budget and Brenda Harvey seconded. The budget was approved.

**IV. Calendar- Brewer**

Upcoming activities:

- November 16-17 Put up large Christmas tree
- November 20 Decorate the large Christmas tree
- November 20 Hang wreaths downtown along with big swags. Help was requested of the beautification committee members. Linden Garden Club will also assist. Meet at Remax at 8:30.
- November 21 Hang swags on the sign posts
- December 1 Christmas tree lighting
- December 4 Christmas decorating contest judging
- January 2-3 Take down Christmas tree and tree clusters
- January 4 Take down wreaths – help needed
- January 5 Take down swags

Molly has contacted our partnering groups and all are ready to go.

Mary Hall will contact the bank for permission to plug in.

Kevin noted that the last tree clusters will arrive before Christmas.

John Bouldry visited many of the businesses to thank them for their cooperation with appearances.

## V. Beautification Grant- *Higgins, Rowell*

One application was sent out so far.

Molly noted that an application from the Greenway Wildlife Committee to construct a matching border on the greenway path in the pollinator garden would not qualify for a Beautification Grant. Molly and Jeff suggest that our Committee could use funds from Other Projects to provide \$1825 of the estimated \$3600 needed by the Greenway Wildlife Committee for this endeavor. There were comments and questions. Peggy moved to fund \$1825 for the Greenway Wildlife project and Mary Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## VI. Old Business - *Rowell*

- Review of Beautification Committee Items:
  - Sharing the landscaping plans for Arboretum apartments  
Bob Koontz was not available to share the plans
  - Azalea Garden – Off the table at this time
  - Railroad Viaduct Enhancements – Batton  
Jeff met with the railroad representatives. They are amenable to colors and LKC Engineering firm will create some visuals of possibilities. We should have some ideas by the November meeting.
  - Joint Project with Loblolly Garden Club – Harness Track Entrance  
We probably won't partner with Loblolly since they are a smaller group and don't feel they can maintain such a project.
  - Harness Track Entrance is still a possibility and Molly asked that we refocus and think about it for ideas. Kevin noted that there is a landscape project going on at the Fair Barn. Jeff noted that this entrance is technically owned by the railroad but that should not pose a problem.
  - Hwy 211/Hwy 5 Entrance Enhancements. Kevin, Walt, Jeff and Molly had a meeting with DOT recently focusing on the area from the stop light to the traffic circle. DOT will plan the median so the local decision is about what the Village would like to do with the \$25,000 budgeted.
  - Walt reminded about the cherry trees that DOT will replace on 15/501.
  - Christmas Decoration Contest - Lorraine shared the letter that will be going out and noted that there were some areas of the historic district inadvertently missed in previous years. There was unanimous agreement to include the entire area and take care of the postage.
  - Other Items:
    - BC Brochure Project Locator Guide is in progress  
Sherri shared a mock up of the locator brochure and mentioned that printing will probably begin by next meeting.
    - New Leaf Society- John, Molly and Sherri will meet with them and share at a later meeting
    - The traffic signal standard at Hwy 5 and Midland Rd. needs painting. Walt is looking into this. DOT is responsible for contracts for painting.

## VII. New Business *Rowell*

- New Project
  - Longleaf Dr./Spring Lake Circle Landscape – Molly distributed photos of Longleaf Dr. where the greenway crosses. It had become overgrown and Walt had a crew clear it out recently. Molly shared a proposal with an estimated \$600 for plantings in that area. Jeff suggested that since we have \$6000 already budgeted for Longleaf/Spring Lake the money could be taken from that budget. The committee agreed.

- Other new business:  
Sherry was approached about the possibility of a plaque as a National Historic Place for the Women's Exchange. They had previously been honored with the designation but have no plaque. Jeff noted that The Pinehurst Heritage Foundation is the responsible group and that he can provide their contact information.

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

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

**IX. Comments from attendees.**

- Deb Wemberly complimented the committee on its work.
- Charlene Rudd offered compliments on the village center and the area north of the railroad viaduct. She voiced her concern about the upkeep and look of the area south of the viaduct down Route 5 to the Harness Track, Pinehurst South and Harris Blake Blvd. locations. She hoped that more attention could be paid to these areas for beautification. Jeff responded that there was a grounds maintenance study in the last year and there are now additional staff for upkeep during the growing months. Molly noted that we are aware of the concern and thanked Ms. Rudd for her comments.

**X. Motion to Adjourn:**

Bert moved to adjourn the meeting and Lorraine seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Johnson