

Beautification Committee
December 3, 2018
Village Hall
3:30 PM

I. Call to Order:

Molly called the meeting to order at 3:37

Attendees: Jeff Batton, Brenda Lyne Blackwell, John Bouldry, Kevin Brewer, Judy Davis, Brenda Harvey, Bert Higgins, Peggy Johnson, Mary Hall Koontz, Walt Morgan, Molly Rowell, Lorraine Tweed.

Guests: Joe and Linda Meckel

Announcements: This is Walt Morgan's last meeting and as he approaches his retirement. Molly spoke of his many contributions to the Village and this committee. Molly also thanked Brenda Lyne Blackwell and Lorraine Tweed for their years of dedicated service and wished them well as they leave the Beautification Committee.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Bert moved to approve the minutes and Mary Hall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Budget-

Kevin presented the budget and noted that \$634.85 was spent on the Christmas Decorating Contest as well as \$34.85 for award ribbons. The remaining balance is currently \$13,362.29.

IV. Calendar-

Kevin shared the upcoming events on the calendar involving taking all Christmas decorations down.

Jan 2-3 Take down tree and tree clusters

Jan 3 - Take down wreaths

V. Beautification Grant-

No new grant applications have been submitted.

VI. Old Business -

a) Christmas Decoration Contest

Lorraine announced that we have the prizes for the winners; the van and driver have been arranged; and the judges have been selected.

Judging will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 14th and prizes will be awarded on December 17.

b) Litter Campaign Update

A small group gathered on the 10th and gathered 12 bags of litter from Highway 5, Morganton Rd and Monticello Rd.

c) Projects Update

- Hwy 5 Projects

- Plans are to finish planting the bed in front of Elmore with the possibility of adding more plantings and additional mulch to dress up the area.

- Signal @ Hwy 5/Cherokee and Hwy 5 at Hwy 2 NE/NW – possible ground cover
- Railroad Trestle on Hwy 5 - discussions are going slowly. Jeff is focused on negotiating in hopes of getting some answers soon to move the project along. If all works out the project will be done in the spring. Any agreement will then need Council approval.
- Hwy 5 from Hwy 211 to MacDonald – Right-of-way plantings. Jeff mentioned that DOT is putting together a plan for the area from 211 on the east side of Hwy 5 to MacDonald that will complement our current plantings on the other side.
- Hwy 211 Projects
 - Hwy 211/Hwy 5 Entrance Enhancements
 - Hwy 211 from Gateway Sign to Hwy 5 – There is the possibility of some more space for additional trees but there are concerns about sewer line placement which are being discussed with the county.
 - Next Phase on Hwy 211 Corridor – Murdocksville Intersection and roadside is out to bid.
 - Hwy 211 Median from Hwy 5 to Rattlesnake
- Hwy 15-501 Median - DOT Spring planting is planned for a March 31st completion.
- HWY 5 Lake Hills area - Walt said there are plans in process and coming along

d) Other Items:

Molly noticed the debris on HWY 5 from Hurricane damage. Jeff said that DOT will be notified. She also asked Walt to look at a bush that may need replacing on Longleaf at the Greenway.

Molly noted that we have the possibility of some wonderful opportunities next year.

VII. New Business

Bert will chair the Christmas Decorating Project next year with the possibility of opening it up to the entire Village if feasible.

There is a hope to promote the availability of grant money. Molly will go to neighborhood associations to explain the opportunities available. It was suggested that the business community should be encouraged to take advantage of the grants also.

Mike Apke will be taking Walt Morgan's place after he retires.

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

- a) **Next Meeting Dates: No Meeting in January, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, No Meetings in June and July, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2.**

IX. Comments from attendees. None

X. Motion to Adjourn. Jeff moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39.