



Minutes
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. via online Google Meet conference.

Present: Members - Joy Duprey (chairperson), Sue Benes, Bonnie Davis, Diane Look, Kim Olinger, Nancy Taylor, Jan Wheeler-Kitzman, Jennifer Wright; Town Representative Paula Barnett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the February meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Budget Update

- Town is expecting less revenue. They won't know for sure until mid to late summer. They're taking precautions now
- No Seasonal Staff, so no town gardener
- Benches are on hold, as is our sculpture
- We'll need to help more with the xeriscape and splash park planters
- Bonnie suggested that new master gardeners need hours, and our planters can count...Sue and Bonnie will check to see if they can help
- Town will water planters on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.
- We'll remove all the small planters in town - kayaks, Police Department, Public Works, Community Center and the depot.
- We may only plant decorative grasses in the planters on Main St., so they are easily maintained. It was suggested that Wave Petunias could be an option - they don't need deadheading, and would only need deer spray about once a month
- Adopt A Planter
 - We could put out a donor letter saying this is a free year, but they could make a donation if wanted.

Funds

- Beautification funding from Town: \$14,740 (on hold)
 - \$ 3,750 – Annual flowers for 50 planters
 - \$ 4,800 – Black Metal Benches - 4 priced at \$1,200 each - on hold until further notice

- o \$ 6,190 - Sculpture; this would be a partial cost to be shared with Beautification. Estimated cost is \$7,500; balance to be paid by Beautification - \$1,310 - on hold until further notice
- Total Beautification Fundraised Funds: \$5,122.11 - this balance reconciled with Town January 2020
 - o (\$ 335) – Note: We have not yet been billed for shipping of the tree base. estimate was \$355. Joy has contacted the company one last time 3/30/20, if she does not receive a reply she will notify the company that we will assume we do not owe any money for shipping.
 - o (\$ 1,310) – Committed to BV sculpture
 - o \$ 3,477 - Balance after above items
- Regular beautification fund - \$4915

Ornaments Fundraiser

- \$205 was deposited January 20th
- \$245 to be deposited (included in totals below)
 - o 500 ornaments purchased (\$1,321.12)
 - o Ornaments sold \$3,036.00
 - o Sales tax paid (\$ 243.34)
 - o Total amount fundraised \$2,071.54
 - o Total amount spent on tree (\$2,425.00)
 - o Balance of fundraiser fund (\$353.46)

Second Student Bench

- Given the current Covid-19 situation, we don't expect any student benches this year.

Sculpture

- Town assures us that snow plowing won't be an issue - they won't dump snow on the median
- The Board approved the public art policy.
 - o The Board has asked that we go through the Public Art Policy procedures with the Board for the sculpture, even though we've been approved in the past

Friendship Garden at McPhelemy Park

- We need to speak with Kurt about whether this is still possible.
- Right now, the planter is overtaken by clover...may need to be restarted; Sue and Bonnie will try Preen this week to see if it might help alleviate the clover

Utility Boxes Update

- Postpone this discussion until next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.
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Projects to keep track of:

- Cemetery clean up
 - Large wreaths gifted from Chamber
 - Directional pole in K's park – should we have someone make new placards?
 - Solar lights on bridge?
 - Lamppost globes
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These minutes were approved at the May Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Look, Town Board Member:

