

Beautification Commission Meeting

April 21, 2021

Via Zoom

Roll Call: Perry, Green, Basar, Harvey, Hatch, Shank, also in attendance are Shumate (Council Representative), Marcus (DPW), Gruesbeck (Village Manager)

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Green, seconded by Harvey.
Approved

Financial Report: We reviewed the budget. The budget that we requested was granted. This year we will provide \$4,500 to the Garden Club. We will wait to see if we need to reprint any brochures.

Community Garden Report:

Garden Club Report by Robyn Shank:

Sharon Lanier would like permission to plant 2 weeping cherries on each side of the Libraries Pedestrian Bridge. This would be replacing 2 previous trees that are no longer there. Shank made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Harvey. Motion carried.

The Garden Club received a donation of a Dwarf Hydrangea Tree from Miss Elk Rapids. The GC decide to plant it in the Arrowhead Garden. Shank made a motion to approve the planting. A second was made by Harvey. All approved.

The Garden Club expenses will be reimbursed by the Beautification Committee. Jinny Dorner will be coordinating the expenses and reimbursements for receipts of expenses.

Beautification Garden Report:

Report from Council member Laura Shumate:

The Parcs and Recs Spring and Summer festival will be postponed until Fall.

The Rotary Park will be expanded and improved for disability kayak and paddle board launching, and a restroom will be installed.

Report from DPW:

Old Business:

The Bridge Baskets have been installed.

The water irrigation is installed down by the spillway.

Water bags will be installed on trees but it has been too early.

New Business:

TREES- We have money in our budget for new trees.

Marcus reported that Royce has 36 saplings available and the DPW will help with planting.

3 residents have requested new trees. A replacement tree is needed on Cedar St. Some other trees on Cedar Street also need to be replaced.

We have money in our budget for more new trees We also discussed what qualifies for Village tree replacements.

Boardwalk- hardscape was placement was discussed. We have \$ in the budget for this. Marcus also will place some larger stones here.

Harbor Drive- The old rose bushes along Harbor Dr were discussed. (Perhaps removing the old bushes.) We will do a walk-through soon and mark the ones to be removed with yellow tape. Sonja will send out a few time suggestions for us to get together for a walk through and decide what needs to be done. We discussed making a garden across from the Harbor by the Kids Pond.

Triangle Garden- Sandra suggested annuals in this garden. She mentioned that fishing lines get caught in bushes.

Bridge Baskets-We need a planting schedule for the bridge baskets. Sonja asked Marcus to fill the baskets with potting soil.

Terrace Garden- Kathy Wittbrodt has not reached out to anyone about forming a committee. We discussed having Sandra clean up and make

things look better for now. Susan Green will reach out to Kathy as she has not responded to Sonja's email. The Birch Trust left \$2000 to Iva's North Garden for some planting...\$1000 to be used this year and \$1000 in reserve.

Brad brought up thoughts to clean up the walkway along Dexter so we can see the River. (near the short term docking area).

Adjournment- Shank made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Green. Motion carried.