**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**JANUARY 25, 2016**

**Commission Members Present**: Tom Sauer, Cathy Sauer, Pam Fraley, Marla Yankey and Andrea Costilow. Park Board liaison Patti Carter was also in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance**: Members stood and recited

**Minutes of Oct. 26, 2015 –** Minutes read and approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of December 31, 2015 is $5058.85.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* New planters are under consideration for the gazebo as existing ones are too small for the area. Cathy will look around for the best price and report at the next meeting. .

**Anti-Litter**: No report

**Tourism**: Sandra/Pam

* Patti announced the theme for the Christmas Walk weekend is A Dickens Christmas. The parade will be on Saturday. A large lighted tree will be placed behind Pinky’s Bake Shop. A flea market type activity is being considered with vendors selling their wares. Santa’s house is being remodeled to include a porch. Requests are being made for park displays.
* Poinsettias need to be replaced as the existing ones are faded.
* The Park Board is responsibility for the maintenance and care of Harnagel Park.
* Patti also talked about the 2017 solar eclipse. Chester is a main location for the viewing and the city needs to prepare for the number of people that will come to the area.

**Cemetery**: Cathy

* Cathy will assume the responsibility of the plantings due to Marlene’s resignation.

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**Public Relations**: Andrea

* Andrea will forward pictures of the various plantings to Patti for posting on Facebook. Once the plants are blooming a collage of the various locations is planned.

**Take Pride Home Award**: No report

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave Eggemeyer

* Tom reported according to Dave the vendors aren’t too interested in relocating to the Visitor’s Center. Tom will talk to the major and ask Dave to give it a try.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: Pam

* Winter banners are installed.

**City Welcome Signs**: Pam

* Dirt is needed. The recommendation was made to see if the items planted come up before further action is taken.
* The park at the river is full of sand. Cathy will let Patti know if the area isn’t cleaned.

**Old Business**: No report

**New Business**:

* Tom welcomed new member, Marla Yankey.
* A letter of resignation was read from Marlene Seymour.
* Nomination of officers was brought up. A motion was made to retain the same officers. No action was taken and a vote will be held at the February meeting.
* Tom asked members if there were any recommendations for new members. Bruce Williamson and Rob Schuchert were mentioned. Tom will follow-up and report at the next meeting.

**Chamber of Commerce**: No report

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marla seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2016 at 1:00 pm.