**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**JULY 27, 2015**

**Commission Members Present**: Tom & Cathy Sauer, Pam Fraley, Linda Sympson Marlene Seymour, Sandra Starr, Dave Eggemeyer

Patty Carter representing the park board

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

**Minutes of June 22 – Minutes approved as corrected**  -

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of June 30, 2015 is $9,626.14

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* Plants look good; vandalism down
* Motion to replace some urns at gazebo tabled until October
* Smith’s landing – due to high water, boat has taken on lot of sand

**Anti-Litter**: Pam made motion to purchase 1,000 cooler cups to hand out at Popeye parade – cost not to exceed $550 – motion adopted

**Tourism**: Sandra

* Wine Down scheduled for September has been cancelled
* Tourism has created a “special fund” to benefit historic places or areas
* July 28 the library is hosting a Nat’l Geographic program – looking for residents to tell story of sites or areas they would recommend people visit & nominate these for the website
* Tour boats unable to dock due to high water level; American Queen due here August 29

**Cemetery**: Marlene reported she has deadheaded the plants; weeded around the

Monument, trimmed the roses. Mark Gibbs reported graffiti put on the bandstand floor and has repainted it.

**Public Relations**: No report

**Take Pride Award**: Cathy reported two awards:

* Jeanne Kleinschmidt on George St.
* Mike & Ginger Cowan on Mora Lane

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave reported that gardens have been poor; lack of vendors;

Gazebo location undesirable. Dave will make recommendation for possible new location next year.

**Banners/Christmas Lights:**  Pam suggested three fall banner designs – members

Were asked to make a selection – Pam will advise choice made and order in August.

**City Welcome Signs**: Will wait for fall to work at signs – weather an issue

**Old Business:** The mayor was notified that June Combs has resigned from the committee.

Dr. Soellner has not advised whether or not he wants to keep the lampposts he bought and currently in storage at the old water plant.

**New Business**: Sandra reported that she has been contacted by Randy Eggemeyer regarding the cleaning of the “mini park” near the Cohen Home. Patty Carter will talk with the mayor.

Tom asked if commission members would want to walk in Popeye parade again this year, handing out cooler cups. He has offered use of his truck – sign on the truck used last year will have to be located.

**Chamber** - Linda Sympson reported relay team coming October 24 “Red, White, &

Blue -- Old Glory” – a benefit to raise money for veterans’ hospitals.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.– next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 24.