**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**JUNE 22, 2015**

**Commission Members Present**: Tom & Cathy Sauer, Pam Fraley, Linda Sympson and Andrea Costilow

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

**Minutes of May 26, 2015**: Cathy remarked she didn’t contact the High School Principal as stated in the May minutes. Otherwise, minutes approved as read.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of May 31, 2015 is $9,920.29. Pam stated the Motel Tax was transferred from the General Fund to the BC for February and May.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* + All plants have been reworked at the gazebo where vandalism has been an issue.
  + She will call Ryan Coffey regarding the feasibility of installing a security
  + camera at the gazebo.
  + Andrea will take a picture of the Bond Memorial plantings to post on Facebook.

**Anti-Litter**: Pam

Further information will be available in August.

**Tourism**: Sandra

No report available.

* Linda commented that the Riverboats schedule is “iffy” at this time due to the high level of the Mississippi River.

**Cemetery**: Marlene (Update provided in her absence)

* Walked cemetery and deadheaded plants, they are flourishing. Thanks to Cathy for replacing the plants in the urn at the overlook.
* Pleased that the BC landscaped around the monument as it was so bare. Now there are beautiful blooming plants and shrubbery.

**Public Relations**: Andrea

* Ad placed in paper announcing hours and location of Farmer’s Market.

**Take Pride Award**: Cathy

* Deb and Kevin Herring, located at 1800 Oak Street, were recently presented the “Take Pride” Award. Several names were suggested for future awards.

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave

* A brief discussion was held on the location of the Farmer’s Market. It was determined to keep the location at the gazebo.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: Pam

* Pam will bring recommendations to the July meeting on designs for the purchase of the new fall banners. An order will be placed in August.

**City Welcome Signs**: Pam

* + Nancy Crossland talked to Kevin Dierks about the need for dirt at the Welcome Sign at Cole Park and that it will be coming.

**Old Business**:

* + Marlene provided a written update on a conversation she had with Dr. Soellner regarding the purchase of the two lampposts he owns. She explained to him that the BC was thinking about placing posts on E. Buena Vista Street after it was repaired. Dr. Soellner asked her how many would be used and she couldn’t respond. She felt he would like the posts he bought to be placed on Oak Street. He wanted to give it some thought and would get back to her.
  + Tom stated all conversations with Dr. Soellner in the future will be through Nancy Crossland.
  + Nancy will take the request to close the road from Stallman Hardware to City Hall during the Wine Down to City Council.

**New Business**:

* Discussion was held on the installation of banners at the riverfront boat dock. Linda suggested using flag poles set in concrete due to flooding possibilities and perhaps this could be a joint project between the Tourism and BC committees. Further discussion will be forthcoming.
* Cathy is meeting with the Mayor to discuss the condition of the area behind the walls at the entrance to the gazebo. There isn’t any mulch under the bushes, the weeds are tall and there is an accumulation of litter.
* Future projects were discussed as follows:
  + Arch of American Flags behind war memorial.
  + Painting the exterior wall of the building by Hardee’s parking lot. The current surface of the building is not conducive to murals.
  + Paint balcony on the Welge building above Misselhorns. Very visible when coming into Chester on Route 3.
* Tom asked Andrea to write a letter to Mayor Page informing him of the official removal of June Combs from the BC.
* New members for the Commission are needed. Pam recommended asking Linda Fisher.
* Linda reported the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner was successful.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 1:00 pm.