**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**MAY 23, 2016**

**Commission Members Present**: Tom Sauer, Cathy Sauer, Pam Fraley, Sandra Starr, Marla Yankey and Andrea Costilow. Patti Carter, Park Board Activities Director and Randy Eggemeyer were also in attendance.

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

**Minutes of Apr. 25, 2016 –** Minutes read and approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of April 30, 2016 is $10,043.67.

City employee, Randy Eggemeyer, reported on the lighting problem at the river landing. The meter on the pole isn’t working due to the repeated flooding of the river. He recommends installing solar lights which won’t be affected by future flooding. After a brief discussion, Tom commented more information was needed before presenting to the mayor. Tom will follow-up.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* Cathy reported that flowers have been planted in the uptown area but due to cold weather and rain, have required regenerating and replanting.
* The costs associated with planting this spring are: $371.76 for new pots; $79.89 for dirt, chips and fertilizer; and $996.14 for flowers. Total expenditures: $1,447.79. Andrea requested receipts for the record. .
* Vandalism has already started on the flowers. Cathy is repairing as required.
* A $200.00 donation for the purchase of flowers and/or other items was received from Evelyn Schuwerk. Her generosity and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. Andrea will send a thank-you note.

**Anti-Litter**: Pam

* Pam will provide more information on the school program next month.

**Tourism**: Sandra

* A French American line will dock at Chester on 9/15 and a tour is scheduled on 9/16. Patti is organizing tours. A media tour is scheduled on 6/09.
* Furniture is in place in the Stone Cottage. Sandra is looking for a desk and ¾ bed. Marla has a headboard for a ¾ bed. Sandra will get with Marla.

**Cemetery**: No report

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**Public Relations**: Andrea

* An article pertaining to the Beautification Commission was printed in both papers. Sandra will check to see if she has copies for Andrea.

**Take Pride Home Award**: Marla

* Marla asked for suggestions/recommendations from members. Cathy volunteered to work with Marla.

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave

* Tom reported that Dave was upbeat about the relocation to the Welcome Center. This is the second week and things are going well.
* Dave is responsible for placing the advertising for the market in the papers.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: No report

**City Welcome Signs**: Pam

* Pam reported that due to the difficulty of the location of the welcome sign on Hwy 150E, no further landscaping will be done.

**Old Business**: Tom

* Tom reported the merging of the Beautification and Tourism Commission is going forward. Concern was raised by tourism members regarding their current monies from preservation donations and fund raisers. It was agreed that these monies would stay with Tourism.
* Sandra added the three major projects within tourism are Stone Cottage refurbishment (which is a county project), Evergreen Cemetery Comes Alive, and riverboats.
* The tourism commission favors a morning meeting beginning on the 3rd Monday of each month and starting at 10:30 am. Sandra will provide names and contact information to Andrea.

**New Business**: No report

**Chamber of Commerce**: No report

**New Projects/Ideas:**

* Clean-up is badly needed at Smith’s Landing. Need to discuss installing flag/banner poles. This is the first impression visitors on riverboats see of our city. Pam, Cathy, Tom and Sandra will meet with Mayor Page on this subject.

Sandra made a motion to adjourn and Pam seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 20 at 10:30 am.