**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 26, 2015**

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

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

**Minutes of Sept. 28 –** Minutes corrected and approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of September 30, 2015 is $8777.06.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* Plants still doing well. Will be removed after the first frost.

**Anti-Litter**: Pam

* The cost of 1000 cup coozies was $320.00. A corrected invoice will be provided to Andrea for the record.
* Pam recommended we purchase 2000 next year due to the overwhelming response from the crowd. Will decide after budget is approved for 2016.

**Tourism**: Pam

* 111 people attended The Evergreen Cemetery Comes Alive event. Donations totaled $564.80 which was dedicated for the restoration of the Stone Cottage.
* An Historic Preservation fund is being created for future donations.

**Cemetery**: Marlene

* Plants have been pulled from the area around the Bond memorial. Marlene suggested planting fewer begonias around the bandstand area next year.

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**Public Relations**: No report

**Take Pride Home Award**: Cathy

* This months award was presented to Cheryl Herschbach on W. Buena Vista Street.

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave Eggemeyer

* The Farmer’s Market will be relocated to the Welcome Center next spring.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: Pam

* Two extra fall banners haven’t been hung. Locations suggested were the Visitor Center and Smith’s Landing. Pam will talk to Randy Eggemeyer.

**Banners/Christmas Lights (Cont.)**

* Winter banners from previous year will be hung prior to the Christmas Walk weekend.

**City Welcome Signs**: No report

**Old Business**:

* Marlene reported that designated bushes have been removed at Harnagel Park but the clean-up wasn’t very good. .
* Sandra contacted a Cohen House committee representative to bring them up to date on the maintenance of Harnagel Park. She is waiting on a return call from Jeanie.

**New Business**:

* A request was received for carolers to perform during the Christmas Walk weekend. Following a brief discussion Pam motioned not to participate, Linda seconded. Motion carried.
* A request was also received for a donation to the Christmas Drive Tour Fund. Pam suggested we supply white lights for the shelter house and bridge that were previously purchased by the BC committee but not used recently. Pam will contact Patti. It was agreed to participate more next year if this project takes off.
* Marla Yankey has been recommended by the BC committee for membership. Mayor Page will be contacted for approval.

**Chamber of Commerce**: Linda

* Linda reported on the River City Renewal project available during November and December. Ten restaurants in Chester are participating. Visit the participating restaurants for a chance to win a gift card. Total prizes amount to $500.00.
* Linda also reported on the success of the Old Glory relay. This was a fund raising event for Veterans.
* The Chamber will host a chicken dinner on the 13th of November.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 1:00 pm.