**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2015**

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

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

**Minutes of July 27 –** Minutes corrected and approved

**Treasurer’s Report**: Balance as of August 31, 2015 is $6752.23.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planters**: Cathy

* Plants doing great, still watering.
* Fertilizer purchased for next year.

**Anti-Litter**: Pam

* 1000 cup coozies were handed out during the Popeye parade. Pam recommended we purchase 2000 next year due to the overwhelming response from the crowd for the past two years.
* Pam provided a copy of the invoice for the record.

**Tourism**: Sandra

* The Queen of the Mississippi riverboat docked last Thursday. The tour group didn’t seem as enthusiastic as past tours.
* The American Queen riverboat is scheduled to dock October 13.
* The next meeting for the Evergreen Cemetery Comes Alive event is scheduled 10/02 at 5:30. Donations this year will go to the restoration of the Stone Cottage.
* Linda commented “handouts” supplied by the state for the promotion of tourism in the area are becoming more difficult to obtain.

**Cemetery**: Marlene

* Recommended planting fewer flowers next year in the band stand area. They have done very well.

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**Public Relations**: No report

**Take Pride Home Award**: Cathy

* The award was presented to the John Brown home on Lehmen Drive. A home behind the courthouse will be presented next month.

**Farmer’s Market**: Dave Eggemeyer

* The subject to relocate the farmer’s market next year was discussed. The attendance was poor this year from both vendors and buyers. Tom will talk to Dave about possible sites.

**Banners/Christmas Lights**: Pam

* Fall banners are up and look great. Two banners haven’t been hung and suggested location is at the 4-way stop.
* Winter banners from previous year will be hung prior to the Christmas Walk weekend.

**City Welcome Signs**: No report

**Old Business**:

* The city has started the clean-up at Harnagel Park. They will remove bushes if someone identifies them. Sandra and Marlene will tag bushes for removal.
* The city will maintain the park.
* Sandra suggested talking to the Cohen House committee to bring them in the loop.
* This item will be tabled for further discussion next year.

**New Business**:

* The request to donate a lighted display for the Christmas Walk was discussed and determined not to pursue as nothing was budgeted.

**Chamber of Commerce**: No report

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26 at 1:00 pm.