

Mt. Airy Beautification Commission
Official Minutes
July 28, 2009

Attendees: Chair: Patty Williamson, Liaison: Gary Nelson, Secretary: Dick Heiger
Members: Michelle Freese, Mary Hushour, Marcus Firmani

Patty called the meeting to order at 7:40pm at Prospect Park. The June 2009 minutes were approved by those in attendance.

Chair's Report

Patty reported that the Butterfly garden wall was installed along with the paved pathways to the garden. She stated that soil will need to be added now but that plants will not be moved until the fall. Patty also mentioned that the Meadow Gardens at Windy Ridge were growing nicely and that the Gazebo for Vest Pocket is back on our agenda as we may be able to use Fee in Lieu monies to pay for it.

Councilman Nelson's Report

Gary distributed the new tee shirts to the committee members.

Old Business

- Wildwood Park Butterfly Garden RE-hab - Covered in Chair's report.
- Nature Trail Signs – First sign was installed at East West entrance next to the fence.
- Windy Ridge Trees – Nothing at this time. Dick expects to start on them in September.
- Trash Cans for Prospect Park, Windy Ridge and the Nature Trail – Michelle to submit plan and estimate to town for approval. Old cans to be moved to Nature Trail. Cleanup of the Prospect Park pavilion was discussed in length and Gary will discuss it at the next parks meeting.

New Business

- Dick met with JoAnne Beck from the Garden Club at Wildwood Park and discussed a fall tree planting. The Garden Club has a small grant for about a dozen trees to be planted within our Carroll County parks. Trees not planted within Wildwood will be planted around the playground area at the Summit Ridge Park at the intersection of Buffalo Road and Scotch Heather.
- Mary mentioned that the trees and garden at Vestpocket Park need watering and that the dogwood tree, originally planted by the Garden Club, needs to be replaced.

- Updates from Volunteers:
 - Wildwood Park - Patty scheduled a work day at Wildwood for Saturday at 9AM to add soil to the Butterfly Garden and to cleanup the point.
 - Watkins Park – Marcus said he has removed most birdhouses due to house sparrow damage and will be preparing a plan for relocation of the bird houses.
 - Mary stated that more plants are needed at Vestpocket Park and that a Boy Scout is interested in reworking the garden and pathway. It was agreed that it would be a good project for the Boy Scout.
 - Dick stated that he trimmed the grass and re-staked the front section of trees at Village Gate and would continue working on the remaining trees.
 - East West Park – Patty stated that the trees at the entrance area around the basketball court should be pruned and the vines removed to increase visibility in the area.
 - Patty requested that the wire and stakes be removed from trees at Watkins Park. Dick volunteered to take care of it. Patty also requested that the invasive plants be removed from the Watkins Park sign garden and the committee agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.