

**Mt. Airy Beautification Commission  
Official Minutes  
September 22, 2009**

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

Patty called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. The August 2009 minutes were approved as written.

**Chair's Report**

Patty stated that she emailed Charlene asking about our expenditures for the previous and current fiscal years. Charlene replied that preliminary amounts are \$8421.09 for FY2009 and \$152.50 for FY2010.

Patty also emailed Barney asking about the placement of the gazebo at Vestpocket Park and the location of water and electrical lines but had no response as of the meeting. Patty to send a follow-up email to Barney.

Patty also contacted Steve Mullinex letting him know about the replanting of the Butterfly Garden at Wildwood Park the weekend of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Beautification Commission will remove the plants on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> with the 4<sup>th</sup> as a rain date. The town is to move the dirt on the morning of Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and the Beautification Commission will replant on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>.

Patty also stated that on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Mary and her son Brian along with Dick and herself met at Welcome to Mount Airy sign near McDonalds and pulled weeds, edged the bed, dig up invasive trees, trimmed the bushes, and mulched the area. After that the team proceeded to Watkins Park to remove the invasive plant at the sign area. A follow-up date on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 am was scheduled to complete the project.

**Councilman Nelson's Report**

Gary was not present but sent the following email: Gary hoped that everyone had a chance to see the fountain at Prospect Park that was purchased before the spending freeze went into effect. He also stated that the freeze is over as of the September budget meeting. Gary stated in the email that the town lost the battle to hire a Rec. Coordinator and that is on hold until the new fiscal year. Gary also stated that we can proceed with the purchase of the trash cans for Prospect Park and requested that the internet purchase information be forwarded to him again.

**Old Business**

- Wildwood Park Butterfly Garden RE-hab – Covered in Chair's report.
- 2009 Bird house monitoring – Marcus with the help of his parents is planning on moving several of the unproductive houses before or during the Thanksgiving break to Windy Ridge. He will try to provide a schedule if anyone is interested in helping.

Mary asked if her girl scouts could help by cleaning out the existing houses at Windy Ridge and Marcus agreed that would be great.

- Windy Ridge & Village Gate Trees – Dick stated that he plans to finish the trimming, pruning and re-staking the trees in the upper section of Village Gate and then proceed to Windy Ridge in early October.
- Trash Cans for Prospect Park, Windy Ridge and the Nature Trail – Gary will submit the order as soon as he finds or receives the purchase information.

### **New Business**

- Eagle Scout Brian Tonkay presented his updated plan for the path at Vestpocket Park to the new gazebo. Patty to follow-up with the town on the location of the gazebo.
- Garden Club Tree Planting – Dick needs to contact Steve Mullinex to confirm that the town will dig the holes at Wildwood and Summit Ridge. If not, he will contact Miss Utility to have them mark the area for power and water lines.
- Vestpocket Park Gazebo – Mary put it on hold for now.
- Updates from Volunteers:
  - Wildwood Park – Marcus weeded the point and will check out the gazebo garden after it stops raining. Dick planted six mums at the point to add some fall color.
  - East West Park Entrance – Dick to replace a fence rail at the entrance garden.
  - Vestpocket Park – Mary suggested doing a planting in the spring and adding some color with azaleas and possibly a crape myrtle.
  - Windy Ridge & Village Gate Trees – Dick will continue trimming and staking the trees during October.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.