In Attendance: Tina Swanson (Chair), Dwight Mullinix, Dick Heiger, Beverly Blatchford, Karl Munder, Ashley Collier

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved as written.

Chairman’s Comments:

- Tina reported that Dick had pruned the rose bushes around the Vest Pocket gazebo and that she and Beverly cleaned up the Rails to Trails garden.

Councilman’s Report:

- Karl reported that two ordinances were approved by the council. The first exempts plots under 15,000 square feet from the APFO for open space. The second requires commercial space on the first floor of downtown apartments.

Communication and Events Director Report:

- Ashley reported that a request had been made for a memorial garden in Prospect Park. We suggested that a better idea is a bench in Watkins Park. The bench would have to be a black one similar to those on Main Street.

Unfinished Business:

- Tina reported that she spoke to Brian about moving the port-a-potty to a different location in Wildwood Park to help minimize erosion and to make room for a new bench and swing. He said that it would be done when the weather permitted. He also will install 3 fountains in the current butterfly garden there. We will schedule a time via e-mail to move all the plants from there so that he has room to work.
- We will purchase some native trees to plant for shade on the lower side of the dog park.
- Tina noted that we should clean up the gardens in all the parks whenever we had time.

New Business:

- We voted to allocate $150 for Tina, Dick, and Beverly to attend a Forestry Board workshop on forests and stream restoration on March 14.
- Ashley said that she will be having an Arbor Day ceremony with a tree planting in Watkins Park. We decided that the native trees we will purchase for near the dog park will be used for this. Most likely they will be oak trees.
- Tina said that she had a request by a student at Linganore High School for more physical and rewarding service projects. We passed this onto Ashley for the Sustainability group to handle.
- We voted to cancel the March meeting since Tina would not be available.
- Dick reported that one of the cherry trees in Vest Pocket Park has the top broken off and is need of pruning. Tina will let Brian know.

Next meeting is April 21.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary