Town of Mt. Airy

Beautification Commission Meeting

August 18, 2020

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved as written.

Chairman’s Comments:

- Tina reported that even though we haven’t had a meeting since February we have kept working in all the gardens (which are looking good).

Councilman’s Report:

- Karl reported that the mixed use ordinance was finally passed. The council also agreed to pass the Harrison Leishear annexation on to the planning commission for review.

Communication and Events Director Report:

- Ashley had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Tina reported that two bench swings, a bench, and five trash cans were purchased. One of the swings will be placed near the Rails to Trails garden. The other will either be put in Prospect Park or Wildwood Park.
- Tina purchased 2 storage containers for the bunting which were hung along the Wildwood Park fence for the fourth of July. The senior citizens really enjoyed the bunting and asked that they be left up for an additional week.
- Dwight reported that someone said that the butterfly garden at Wildwood was looking messy. He explained that all the plants were going to be removed and replaced with shorter ones when Brian installs a water fountain there.
- We plan to put in more plants at the banner sign and at the train station.

New Business:

- We voted to approve the purchase of up to $500 for plants and up to $500 for planting supplies.
- We elected Tina chairman and Beverly secretary for another year.
- The 2020 town ornament will display the caboose on the front with some information about it on the back.
- Since some of the purchases for the beautification commission are dependent on others as well as on the weather, it was decided to remove all categories in the budget and simply specify a lump sum.
- Tina handed out a chart listing all the projects for the following year. We will plant trees near the dog park in late September or early October. We also need to enhance the new parking area by the tennis courts on Prospect.

Next meeting is September 15.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary