In Attendance: Tina Swanson (Chair), Dick Heiger, Beverly Blatchford, Karl Munder, Ashley Collier, Guest - Doris Wilcher

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: August minutes were approved as written.

Chairman’s Comments:
- Tina reported that all the gardens are looking pretty good.

Councilman’s Report:
- Karl Munder reported that Tina Swanson was one of three recipients of an Outstanding Citizen award for her work on the town pop-up park.
- The council approved the purchase agreement with Chic-Fil-A for additional land for parking.
- They also approved the purchase agreement for land to extend Rails to Trails west of Main Street. This will be funded primarily by grants.

Communication and Events Director Report:
- Ashley Collier reported that Restaurant Week is this week, the Chili Cook-Off Restaurant Challenge will be September 26, and the Duck Race will be September 27.
- Some of the plants in the pop-up park will be replaced with mums. Tina asked that the perennials taken out of the pots be taken to her house so that they can be replanted in the parks.
- The train station roof will be replaced the first week-end in October.
- Two weeks before Halloween will be a safari walk along the trail.
- Ashley Collier reported that the proposed exercise equipment for Wildwood Park was decided against since the grant was not received.

Unfinished Business:
- Tina Swanson reported that the finalized design for the 2020 town holiday ornament has been sent to the manufacturer.
- Saturday morning September 10, we will dig out the Wildwood Park butterfly garden plants that we want to move to other gardens. Then Tina Swanson will ask Brian Johnson to remove all the other plants in preparation for installing the water fountain.
- Tina Swanson reported that the fence installed at the Village Gate parking area is an unsightly. She asked Karl Munder to find out if the posts could be shortened. Then we will plant native shrubs there to help hide the posts.
- Tina Swanson said she would contact Recreation and Parks to determine how many native trees we should purchase for the dog park. She pointed out that some of them would be slow growing and would take a few years before they provided a lot of shade.

**New Business:**

- We discussed that Vest Pocket Park may be considered for the large checkers scout project consisting of large checkers and an installed board would be Vest Pocket Park. The children at the elementary school would be able to use it.
- We approved the Girl Scout fishing line project for Prospect Park with the caveat that the town staff would be responsible for shipping the fishing line to the redistribution center.
- We discussed the eagle scout reforestation project in Wildwood Park and said that it should be cleared out since it is now full of invasive plants. We suggested that another scout project could be the removal of all the plants and the planting a native tree.
- Ashley Collier described the two murals planned for downtown. They are supposed to be about families and communities.
- Holiday decorations at the train station and the caboose are to be put up the second Saturday in November.

Next meeting is October 20 5:30 pm Simpson-Baker-Bowlus Pop-Park

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary