

Beautification Committee

Minutes

September 20, 2022

5:00 PM Pekin City Hall

Members present: Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Shannon Sandoval, Kendra McDaniels, Justin Reeise, Tanya Swearingen

Other attendees: Jacob Brisbin, non voting member

1. Meeting was called to order by Charity Gullett at 5:05 PM.
2. Roll Call – Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Shannon Sandoval, Justin Reeise, Kendra McDaniels, Tanya Swearingen all present. Mark Rothert Absent
3. Minutes from 7/19/22 - Justin moved to amend Minutes to reflect Jacob Brisbin as 'Other Attendee', remove Jacob's motion to adjourn and replace with Tonya and correct the spelling of his last name to Reeise. Motion to approve with changes made by Talena, Shannon seconded. Approved by voice vote.
4. Public input - None
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Bright Spot/Green Medallion Awards - There was only one nomination for August Bright Spot and the board meeting for August was canceled so no sign was given. The committee reviewed photos of all Bright Spot 2022 winners and chose the following as Green Medallion Winners: 1514 Fisher, 611 Park Ave, 805 16th and 1216 Mechanic (who was the Aug Bright Spot nominee). After discussion, Kendra and Tanya will deliver signs and letters this week. Gift cards can be picked up by winners at City Hall, rather than delivered with signs and letters due to time constraints. The street dept will remove Bright Spot signs that are not in these locations, Committee members will remove the signs from these locations when dropping off Green Medallion Signs. Letter will be updated by Talena and sent to Kendra for printing. Board agreed that the program is important but will need to be revised and scaled back for 2023. With further discussion over the winter. The following preparations will be made for Rocktober, the fall bright spot contest. Talena will make a social media post for nominations. Nominations will be due by 10/14, online voting until 10/16 2PM and the board will vote on winners at the 10/18 board meeting. Winners will be notified and signs will be delivered on 10/24 by committee members. New signs need to be ordered from Allegra. Shannon agreed to administer the winter Bright Spot (Merry and Bright Awards) with assistance from the board.
 - 5.2 Court St. Planters - Justin informed the board that the City Council has proposed removing all planters along Court St due to ADA compliance issues. The planters are being moved and blocking the pedestrian right of way. As the planters were purchased by Pekin Main St the board believes they should have input as to where they are moved to. Terri Gambetti will be asked to attend the October board meeting to discuss removal and relocation recommendations to be made to the City Council.

- 5.3 Update on Public Art - Board would like to see something with information on the artists and the pieces that is available to the public. This item has also been added for further discussion in the October meeting with Terri Gambetti present.
 - 5.4 Welcome Signs - Farnsworth Group will be hired to create a new landscape/setup design for all of the welcome signs, utilizing the existing signs. Amy Wilson will be invited to a future meeting for discussion of what the board envisions for the signs. This meeting could take place any time before spring.
 - 5.5 Ethics Training - Several members have not completed their training. When completed, this needs to be sent to Sue McMillan. Charity also mentioned that Sexual Harassment Training should also be done.
 - 5.6 Status of board and members - Charity has reviewed rules with City Manager, Mr. Rothert and members of volunteer boards do not have to live within the city limits. This was an area of concern as several members do not currently live in city limits. Committee will remain as-is until the Jan 2023 meeting. New roles for committee members (Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) will be chosen at the January meeting.
6. Other Items for discussion - None
7. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM. Moved by Kendra, seconded by Tonya.