City of Pekin Beautification Committee Meeting
City Hall - Council Chambers - July 18, 2023
Minutes

1. Call to Order

   Meeting was called to order at 5:10pm.

2. Roll Call

   Attending: Jacob Brisbin, Charity Gullett, Kendra McDaniels, Shannon Sandoval, Dean Schneider (Director of Public Works) and John Dossey (Interim City Manager)

   Absent: Tanya Swearingen

   Guests: Dave Nutter, Chris Dunn

3. Approve minutes from June 20th, 2023 meeting

   Minutes from the June meeting were not available for approval and will be approved at the August meeting.

4. Public Input

   Chris Dunn asked about the three gray planters at the welcome sign at Margaret and Third St. because they haven't been planted yet this year. She offered to get some of her PCHS Swim Team students together to clean them up and possibly plant them maybe soon or later this fall. The committee welcomes her ideas and encouraged her to reach out for more help as needed.

   Dave Nutter reported that on Thursday of this week, 120 PCHS football athletes are coming to clean up downtown from Five Points to the riverfront. The park district will provide bags and help to collect them.

5. Vote for a new Clerk of the Committee

   Kendra made a motion to make Shannon the new clerk and Charity the new Vice-Chair. Dean seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed.

6. Staff Updates

a. **Pocket Park Seating** - there are 2 benches re-installed in the 400 block pocket park and the pocket park project is now completed.
b. **Welcome Signs** - The city's Bicentennial Committee is hopeful that our committee will work with the city to continue pursuing replacement of the "Welcome to Pekin" signs at the city entrances in time for next year's Bicentennial committee. Committee members will start doing some research of ideas they like for designs and also try to reach out to community members who have expertise in the area.

7. July Bright Spot Awards

Charity moved to name 12 winners of the July Bright Spot awards from among the received nominations. Kendra seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed. The July winners are:

2 Amber Ct.
410 Park Avenue
1021 Hamilton
913 Royal Avenue
1509 S. 7th
2100 Glenview Drive
1310 Hilltop
2424 Cherry Ln
1812 Columbus
1101 Henrietta
700 S. 5th St.
1905 Willow St.

8. Old Business

a. Marigold Festival Garden Contest - We will sponsor this event this year and run it much like we run other holiday decorating contests. Shannon moved to call it the "Marigolden Garden Contest" and award a total of 4 awards at $75 each, for $300 total. We will also have signs made at Allegra like we currently do for other awards. Charity seconded the motion, vote taken and motion passed. Nominations will be solicited and the awards will be decided at our August meeting in order to accommodate the Marigold Festival timeline.

9. New Business

None

10. Adjournment

On a motion from Dean and seconded by Charity, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.