

Beautification Committee

Minutes

May 17, 2022

5:00 PM Pekin City Hall

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

Other attendees: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Charity Gullett at 5:05 PM.
2. Roll Call – Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Shannon Sandoval, Kendra McDaniels, Tanya Swearingen, Justin Reeise, Mark Rothert, Jacob Brisbin
3. Minutes from 4/19/22, Shannon moved for approval with no changes. Tonya seconded. Approved by voice vote.
4. Public Input - None.
5. New Business
 - 5.1 Bright Spot Awards. 3 homes were submitted for awards for May. After brief discussion with a review of the parameters of the awards program, Shannon made a motion to approve all 3, seconded by Mark and approved by voice vote.
 - 5.2 Perennial plants. Budget and placement of perennials was discussed. Talena made a motion to approve \$500 to be used for purchasing perennials and other flowers for various planters and locations. The City of Pekin has accounts at Old Heritage and Menards, easiest to purchase from either of these. A brief discussion regarding the ethics/optics of purchasing flowers from PCHS Instrumental Music Program Annual Flower Sale. Noted to discuss at length in the Spring.
 - 5.3 Moving Court St. planters. The planters on Court street have been planted with flowers and city crew will be watering weekly and more if/when someone is available. There is a broken planter that needs to be removed. There are 48 total planters on Court, Derby, Capital and other locations. If the 7 planters on Derby have not been planted, the board wishes to relocate them to downtown. Shannon is creating a map of all of the locations.
 - 5.4 Welcome Signs. Justin provided an update that there are no budgeted funds available to repair the light at the welcome sign on Rt. 29. Members will check for agreements with various clubs listed on the large sign behind the welcome sign. This is in serious disrepair and should be removed or replaced. Also located near the Rt 29 entrance sign is a sign painted by Pekin JFL. Members need to reach out to someone at JFL to see if they want to repaint it or if it should be removed. All welcome signs are in need of repairs. Discussion regarding getting a cost estimate from Amy at Farnsworth or from Old Heritage to re-imagine these signs. All members agree that they should be simple and low maintenance but stand out to welcome visitors to Pekin. Members all agreed to come to May meeting with ideas.

- o 5.5 Ethics acknowledgement and meetings act training. Self certification can be done thru the IL Attorney General's website. All members should self train before the 6/21/22 meeting and bring certificate for files.
- 6. Other Items for discussion - Information was provided by Mark and Justin that we need to speak with Chief Dossey regarding City 'Employee' badges. Charity has a badge already but the are not certain he would allow all members to have a badge as we are not 'employees'. Justin or Mark will reach out to the Chief to confirm.
- 7. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn made by Charity at 6:29 PM. Seconded by Shannon and approved by voice vote..