

Beautification Committee

Minutes

May 16, 2023

5:00 PM Pekin City Hall

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Charity Gullett at 5:07 PM.
2. Roll Call – Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Dean Schneider, Kendra McDaniels, Tanya Swearingen and Jacob Brisbin present. A representative for the City Manager and Shannon Sandoval were not in attendance.
3. Minutes from 3/20/23 were approved via unanimous voice vote. Motion by Talena, seconded by Tanya.
4. Public Input – Terri Gambetti, Vicky Barker and Chris Dunn from Pekin Downtown Main Street were all in attendance, as was Councilman Nutter. Terri gave a presentation on the current needs of PDM. They are requesting financial assistance with preparations for the Juneteenth Celebration and dedication of the pocket park and other items (attached). Discussion of items on their wish list will be placed on the June and/or July Agenda.
5. Annual selection of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary – Motion by Talena to appoint Jacob as Chair, Shannon as Vice Chair and Talena as Secretary. Seconded by Kendra. Approved unanimously by roll call vote. Approval is pending committee re-appointments on Council consent agenda at a later date.
6. Pocket park ground coverings – Vicky has purchased ground cover plants and will purchase flowers for the planters, Unanimous decision via roll call vote (Motion by Talena, seconded by Tanya) that mulch and hostas will be installed and that 4 planters will be placed in the park and filled with annuals, benches will be temporarily removed. Dean will ensure all is ready for celebration. Final walk thru scheduled for Tuesday, June 13th at 3 PM. Vicky will be reimbursed for the cost of the ground cover and the annuals from Beautification budget after receipts are provided.
7. Update – Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial Committee – Kendra was present at the last meeting and provided a short update. Planning is still in early stages and grants are being applied for. Plans include a book and multiple events spanning the entire year of 2024.
8. Review categories for Rocktober Awards – The names of awards chosen are Great Pumpkin, Seriously Spooky and The Gourd of the Rings.
9. Marigold Festival and Recalibration of Bright Spot – Discussion of Sept award change was tabled due to the absence of Shannon who is on the Marigold committee. May '23 award was cancelled and Bright Spot/Green Medallion will resume for June-Aug.

10. Other Items for discussion – a Gmail account has been created to store forms and photos for the committee. All committee members will have login information for this account, beautifypekin@gmail.com.

11. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.