

Beautification Committee

Minutes

April 18, 2023

5:00 PM Pekin City Hall

Members present: Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Jacob Brisbin, Shannon Sandoval,

1. Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by Charity Gullett at 5:10 PM.
2. Roll Call – Charity Gullett, Talena Michels, Shannon Sandoval and Jacob Brisbin present. Bruce Marsten, Dean Schneider, Kendra McDaniels and Tanya Swearingen were not in attendance.
3. Minutes from 3/20/23 were not approved due to an absence of a quorum. 3/20 minutes will be presented for approval at the May meeting.
4. Public Input – No members of the public were present.
5. Discussion for change of Chairman – Charity will be stepping down as Chair and Jacob has volunteered to be the new chair. Vote will happen at May meeting.
6. Applications for committee appointments – Each member who would like to remain on the committee needs to fill out a new application for appointment to be signed by Mayor Elect Buress. A link to the document will be emailed to current committee members to be completed and turned in to Sue McMillan.
7. Update – Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial Committee – Shannon was present at the last meeting and provided a short update. Planning is still in very early stages. Plans include multiple events spanning the entire year of 2024 with the largest event over the Independence Day holiday. Committee has agreed to assist in any way required. Suggestions include a redesign of the city flag and new murals. Some of the existing murals are already worn and need to be replaced. There are currently at least 3 in storage. Shannon will reach out to see if the worn ones can be replaced asap.
8. Planters update – The locations for the planters have been set and the plan has been provided to the public works director. Questions for Dean include what sort of grass/rock will be placed in the pocket parks and funds will be needed to purchase flowers for the planters.
9. Rocktober Awards categories – tabled until May meeting due to absence of a quorum.
10. Merry and Bright Awards changes – tabled until May meeting due to absence of a quorum.
11. Other items for discussion – A social media post needs to be made to the Beautify Pekin page to begin voting for Bright Spot awards for May. Jacob and Charity will ensure this is done.

In addition, there was a discussion regarding a rededication and renaming of the pocket park to be called the Nance Legins-Costley Memorial Park. This will coincide with the 2024 Juneteenth Celebration and the City Bicentennial.

12. Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.