



Minutes
TOWN BEAUTIFICATION BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. via online Google Meet conference.

Present: Members - Joy Duprey (chairperson), Sue Benes, Bonnie Davis, Diane Look, Nancy Taylor, Jennifer Wright; Town Representative Paula Barnett (popped in and out).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

2020 Budget Update

- Town is expecting less revenue. They won't know for sure until mid to late summer. They're taking precautions now.
- No Seasonal Staff, so no town gardener.
- Benches are on hold, as is our sculpture.
- We'll need to help more with the xeriscape and splash park planters.
- Bonnie suggested that new master gardeners need hours, and our planters can count...Sue and Bonnie will check to see if they can help.
- Town will water planters on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays.
- We'll remove all the small planters in town - kayaks, Police Department, Public Works, Community Center and the depot.
- We may only plant decorative grasses in the planters on Main St., so they are easily maintained. It was suggested that Wave Petunias could be an option - they don't need deadheading, and would only need deer spray about once a month.
- Adopt A Planter
 - We could put out a donor letter saying this is a free year, but they could make a donation if wanted.

Funds

- Beautification funding from Town: \$14,740 (on hold)
 - \$ 3,750 – Annual flowers for 50 planters
 - \$ 4,800 – Black Metal Benches - 4 priced at \$1,200 each - on hold until further notice

- o \$ 6,190 - Sculpture; this would be a partial cost to be shared with Beautification. Estimated cost is \$7,500; balance to be paid by Beautification - \$1,310 - on hold until further notice
- Total Beautification Fundraised Funds: \$5,122.11 - this balance reconciled with Town January 2020.
 - o (\$ 335) – Note: We have not yet been billed for shipping of the tree base. estimate was \$355. Joy has contacted the company one last time 3/30/20, if she does not receive a reply she will notify the company that we will assume we do not owe any money for shipping.
 - o (\$ 1,310) – Committed to BV sculpture
 - o \$ 3,477 - Balance after above items
- Regular beautification fund - \$4915

Ornaments Fundraiser

- Nancy will sanitize and restock ornament displays at The View and The Chamber when town opens up a bit.
- \$205 was deposited January 20th
- \$245 to be deposited (included in totals below)
 - o 500 ornaments purchased (\$1,321.12)
 - o Ornaments sold \$3,036.00
 - o Sales tax paid (\$ 243.34)
 - o Total amount fundraised \$2,071.54
 - o Total amount spent on tree (\$2,425.00)
 - o Balance of fundraiser fund (\$353.46)

Second Student Bench

- John Burt confirmed that there won't be any new benches this year.

Planters

- We'll plant 35 this year, but budgeted for 55, so we'll have some extra funds.
- Glen Merrifield says they're thinking of types of flowers that need less watering and no deadheading - he'll let Joy know.
- Nancy is standing by with dried yarrow that is painted to add color to the grasses if need be.
- We won't do adopt-a-planter this year; instead we'll put last year's signs in to honor people who have supported us in the past.

Xeric Gardens

- Confirmed our assignments.
- We'll need to replace some plants.
- We'll stick with the plants that have weathered winter the best:
 - o Yarrow, salvia, catmint, sedum, russian sage
- Xeric garden work day; we scheduled Saturday 5/23 from like 8 to 11 (we later changed this to Thursday, 5/28 from 8 to 11).

- Joy has asked the Town whether they have compost and mulch to help us that day; waiting to hear back from them.
- We'll think we'll just put compost and top soil on top this year - the mulch seems to just blow away; Bonnie will get estimates on compost and topsoil.
- On our work day, we'll bring as much water as we can in our cars - Paula will check to see if the water will be turned on there that weekend.

Splash Park

- Bonnie and Jan did a lot of work there last Sunday - it looks so much better!

Friendship Garden at McPhelemy Park

- Waiting for Shawn to meet with them and give them the approval; Bonnie will reach out to Paula to see if she can get on Shawn's schedule.
- Thinking of a pollen garden - could be part of the demo gardens in the town.
- We get the plants through the Master Gardener program.

Utility Boxes Update

- Randy Duprey thinks he can build metal covers for the utility boxes.
- The cost would be \$250/each - or \$750 total.
- We approved - Randy can move forward.

Sculpture

- We aren't moving forward yet; Joy will look at the public art policy and see how we can move forward when we have funding again.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Paula Barnett

- Norm Nyberg is our new Board representative.
- Signs and other projects are on hold.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Projects to keep track of:

- Cemetery clean up
- Large wreaths gifted from Chamber
- Directional pole in K's park – should we have someone make new placards?
- Solar lights on bridge?
- Lamppost globes

These minutes were approved at the June 4, 2020, Board meeting. Respectfully submitted by Diane Look, Board member.

Diane Look