

Wilmington Beautification Committee May 21, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Len Chapman, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding, Alice Greenspan, Scott Murphy, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent:

Katy Little, Fred Skwirut

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Lee.

Minutes

Mary moved to accept the minutes of the April 23 and May 7, meetings. The motion was seconded by Len and passed.

Treasurers Report

Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: \$1,821.53. Pending expenditures of \$304 - winter decorations and garbage bags.

Capital Balance: \$ 3,847.15. Plus a donation of \$50 pending confirmation.

Celia reported that she and Scott met to discuss how confirmation of expenditures and income will be handled and have agreed that Celia will receive a summary of all account activity for both the operating and capital accounts once a month.

FEMA Report

Mary reported:

- There is an informational meeting on Downtown Designation tonight at the Red Mill Inn.
- A sample of a poured concrete sidewalk stamped to look like cobblestones will be installed in front of the Maple Leaf. If the design is approved, this type of sidewalk can be installed by the Highway Department for new sidewalks or to replace damaged/unsafe sidewalks.
- The Bench, Parking Lot, and Village Trail (River Walk) committees are making progress.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Barrels and Planters: Lee advised that the soil which was available isn't suitable and that the committee will need purchase 4 yards of screened top soil. Mary advised that soil is available from Marshall Boyd for \$20 per yard. Scott will contact Billy Hunt to arrange for it to be picked up or delivered next week.

Scott reported that the barrels will be placed and filled next week, May 29, 30, or 31. Len will have bricks to be used under the barrels and he, Mary, and Lee will assist the crew.

South Main Street: Lee advised that Mary suggested that the river bank area across from the library be referred to as River's Edge.

Gateway Garden: Lee reported that the garden is maturing, several plants have or will be replaced due to winter damage but on the whole, the garden is looking good. The subcommittee will meet with Maryann McCloud and Joe Eck within the next couple of weeks to discuss long term enhancements for the garden.

American Meadows – Replant Wilmington: The daffodils and tulips are blooming all over the village. We initially thought the success rate was low, but in the last week, many more have bloomed. Kit will send a thank you letter and pictures to American Meadow.

Landscape Maintenance: Only one bid for maintenance, which was higher than budgeted, was received. The committee agreed that committee members will volunteer to maintain four locations.

River Bank Park – Lee and Alice

Library Parking Lot – Celia and Carlotta

Gateway Garden – Mark, Kit, and Celia

Trebbe - Katy

River Bank Park: Lee reported that one of the FEMA initiatives is to install and maintain trash receptacles in the village. When the program is initiated, the committee should revisit the decision not to have a trash receptacle in the park. Kit has a receptacle which was designed for the park.

Len reported that the railing cap was installed. He has not received any additional information regarding the metal cap for the pergola. He has not been advised that the posts have been inspected.

Carlotta removed dandelions, Lee planted the Virginia Creeper and Lee ordered Celthra from Adam Buursma.

Town Manager Update

Scott reported that the erosion under the Dugan and Cady building and the Village Pub/Apartments extends approximately 2 feet under the park. An engineering study, estimated to cost approximately \$10,000, is required before any action can be taken. The town is working with Ann Manwaring, and various state officials to try to get a grant or other funding for the study and repairs.

The recycle dumpsters will be moved as soon as the highway department has time available. After they've been moved, the committee will be asked to recommend plan for the enhancing the resulting parking area. A bench will be installed at the tennis courts.

Scott advised that Joseph Cincotta approached him regarding plans for a viewing area/walkway tying Apres Vous to the river's edge. No one on the committee is aware of this project, Lee will follow up with Joseph.

Next Meeting

Monday June 11, at 8:00 am

Location: Library

Agenda

Treasurers Report

Summer Flower Program/Landscape: Gateway Garden, Barrel Update

Town Manager Update

Please notify Lee of any additional items for the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman

Secretary