

Wilmington Beautification Committee August 24, 2015

Committee Members Present: Keith Herbert, Alice Greenspan, Lee Schindel, Celia Weissman, Fred Skwirut, Scott Murphy (ex-officio) Guest: Alice Richter

Committee Members Absent: Cheryl Rothman, Katy Little, Adele Mattern,

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

Approval of Minutes Meeting: August 10, 2015 Motion: Celia Second: Alice – passed.

Treasurer's Report - Celia reported: There is no Treasurer's Report as the 2015 YE and 2016 YTD Financial Reports are unavailable.

River Bank Park Lighting

Keith advised that the current lights are working except for one strand. They look okay and can remain in place until permanent lights are installed.

Lee reported that she had met with Swan Electric who recommended installing three relatively small (11 x 5 x 3") powerful (1,000 Lumens) LED lights on the crossbeams of the pergola. The lights are guaranteed for 5 years but have a life expectancy of up to 25 years. Cost estimate is approximately \$2,876 but a \$300 rebate may be available. After much discussion, Lee was asked to get some additional information from the manufacturer; a) is a light with lower lumens available, b) what is the spread of the light from the height of the pergola, c) what color is the light, d) is the fixture dimmable, and e) how do they compare to the wattage of incandescent lights. Lee will report back at the next meeting.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Gateway Garden: Gateway is looking good, will need a workday in the fall. Keith will do one more weed whacking of crabgrass and other weeds at the perimeter.

Dixon: Alice reported that the center planter needs some compost – Keith will handle.

Oxbow: Could use some weeding among the hydrangeas.

Town Manager Update

Scott advised he will arrange for a load of compost to be placed behind Gateway. The compost can be used as needed in any of the gardens. Work continues on the repair of the sink hole on the West Main Street Bridge.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 14, at 8:00 am Location: Town Hall

Agenda Treasurers Report, Landscape, Town Manager Update

Please notify Cheryl of any additional items for the agenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman

Secretary