

Wilmington Beautification Committee
April 27, 2015

Committee Members Present: Cheryl Rothman, Katy Little, Lee Schindel, Celia Weissman, Fred Skwirut, Scott Murphy (ex-officio)

Guest Present: Mary Wright

Committee Members Absent: Keith Herbert, Alice Greenspan,

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

Approval of Minutes Meeting: April 13, 2015 Motion: Katy Second: Fred – passed.

Treasurers Report - Celia reported:

Unexpended Operating Balance: Available Balance: \$ 2,592.26

Capital Balance: \$ 5721.78

River Bank Park

Fred raised the issue of lighting in the park. Many of the lights on the pergola and trees are out. Strings of LED lights only last a year or two. He has removed the lights from the trees. He suggested we look into a more permanent solution. Fred will check with Dale Doucette and Doug Swanson. He will also see if Swan Electric can remove the lights from the pergola.

Summer Flower Program/Landscaping

Gateway Garden: We are unable to assess winter damage to the garden yet.

West Main Street Parking Lot: Lee advised that there is still snow/ice and gravel from snow plowing on the berm. Annual maintenance will be required to remove the gravel. Whatever is planted will need hardy and as close to maintenance free as possible. One possibility for the sunny sections is no-mow grass which only requires one weed-whacking in the fall; ferns might be a good solution for shadier areas.

Community Garden

Mary Wright asked about plans for a community garden. Several possible locations were mentioned. Mary and Karen Horton will evaluate them and report back. The most promising locations are Howe field - good soil, potential water in well - and behind the high school. Once a location is identified, they will try to have the soil prepared by November.

Next Meeting Monday, May 11, 2015, at 8:00 am Location: Town Hall

Agenda Treasurers Report, Landscape, Town Manager Update

Please notify Cheryl of any additional items for the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Celia Weissman

Secretary