

Beautification Commission Minutes
October 17, 2018

Present: Pat Stites, Sonja Perry, Janine Micunek, Lori Caruso, Susan Green

Excused: Sandy Ehlers

YGuest: Robin Shank

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Conflict of interest: None

Minutes of September 19 Meeting

Motion to approve by Perry, second by Caruso. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Invoices were submitted for approval: TNT for pruning weeping cherry at library and Mike's for pruning at Iva's garden (amounts).

Motion by Perry to approve paying invoices, second by Caruso. Motion carried.

Garden Club Report

Robin submitted a written summary of the year. On the Guild garden, Mike's said the tree is okay and if it is trimmed, then it should stay another five years. The scab may go away if fertilized. The bridge construction may affect the expansion of the Zupin garden. Installing edging for the extension will cost about \$2.50/sf (DPW). For the sign, Iva's budget should cover the cost of about \$500. The sign dedication will be on October 25. The Garden Club is requesting money for the hardscape from Beautification, the cost of which still needs to be determined.

Old Business

Chairman Stites proposed the 2019 budget of \$22,000. A line will be added for a capital outlay for improvements to the Zupin Garden in the amount of \$500.

Posts and chains will be installed at a rate of five per year.

DPW Report

The DPW is busy with winterization projects. Tree planting will be done in the spring. Chairman Stites requested that the invoices from DPW be submitted to Beautification by November for approval before winter recess.

New Business

Chairman Stites presented a plan for the renovation of the Boardwalk Garden to capture the original concept of enjoying the river while sitting in the garden. Phase I will be the removal of selective shrubs and trees, and cutting back or digging out a large amount of the inkberry and

sumac, which are taking over. Phase II will be to plant three river birches and move some perennials. Phase III will be to plant perennials to fill in and create summer interest. Motion by Perry to begin phase I this year with a second by Caruso. Motion carried.

Susan Green will purchase a plaque to honor Margaret LeBlond for her fifteen years of service and dedication to the Commission.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:19 by Perry, second by Caruso. Motion carried.

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November 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,
Janine Micunek