

Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee

The Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee met on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present: **Ruthie Gregory, Chairman** **Steve Holliday**
 Joyce Tillery, Vice Chairman **Annette Stallings**
 Susan Walker, Secretary **Chris Lehman**
 Sarah Carpenter **Ernest Bobbitt, Council Liaison**
 Danny Acree, Staff Liaison

Absent: **Wesley Pepper, Dr. Ervin Griffin, Doug Love, Staff Assistant**

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$1,500.00 which was approved, but now frozen.

OLD BUSINESS

North Entrance

Larry Chalker is still working on the second light and once funds are available, he will order it.

Main Street

There is a planning retreat planned for April 18, 2017.

Centennial Park

Plants were hurt by cold and need to be looked at. Again, our committee can give unbiased knowledgeable information as to what to plant and when.

Bench Plaque

The plaque has come in and was shown to everyone at the meeting. It will be installed as soon as possible.

Mayor's Beautification Award

The sign has to be retrieved from Massey Funeral Home and Danny says someone from public works will take care of getting the sign. In the future public works will remove the sign when notified by the committee and when we need the sign for the next award. The assigned committee is currently looking at yards in the designated area.

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NEW BUSINESS

The committee was asked to think of three things to do that we could spend the money budgeted for our committee.

Joyce Tillery suggested as follows:

- 1) The area in the cemetery where several trees had died could be replaced.
- 2) To finish the items in Centennial Park that had not been completed: i.e. plant grass, define and connect borders where crepe myrtles are (pine straw), edge sidewalks & curbing.
- 3) Pick out and order an obelisk for the cemetery with plantings around it.

Dr. Lehman suggested as follows:

- 1) Dead trees in cemetery.
- 2) Plant something at the new school & recognize our committee.
- 3) Plant something on Main Street & recognize our committee.

Sarah Carpenter suggested:

- 1) To price and decide where to put a Chamber of Commerce Rockfish with a design for the committee.
- 2) Paint with bright colors the skate park at TJ Davis.
- 3) Paint the rusty fence in Wheeler Park or any other parks where the fence needs paint.

It was decided to go ahead and plan what to spend our money on which is given to our committee early next year in case the funds are frozen.

Wesley Pepper has sent in a letter of resignation. Mrs. Gregory will notify the Clerk to put that there is a vacancy on the website. If we can think of anyone that may be interested in being on the committee, let us know so we can contact that person.

Mrs. Gregory wanted to make sure that Dr. Griffin's information was the same since he has retired from HCC. As far as we know, all information is the same.

Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be May 15, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary