

**Town of Mt. Airy**  
**Beautification Commission Meeting**

**October 16, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Tina Swanson (Chair), Dick Heiger, Dwight Mullinix, Beverly Blatchford, Larry Hushour, Gina Campanelli

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

**Approval of Minutes:** August minutes were approved.

**Chairman's Comments:**

- Tina attended the Open/Closed Meeting training for Commission Chairs.
- She thanked Gina for all the work done on Rails to Trails and noted that the Master Gardeners were very impressed.
- Tina thanked commission members for work done at Wildwood Park.
- She also thanked Donna Carr, Betty Miller, and Sandra Dubois for donations of perennials and bulbs for the parks.

**Councilman's Report:**

- Approximately 15 people helped on the workday on Rails to Trails on October 6.
- We were awarded the grant for storm water management along the trail.
- A girl-scout troupe wants to install temporary solar lights on the trail for use during events.
- The ribbon cutting for the basketball court at Twin Ridge Crossing is this week.
- An RFP has been submitted for a pavilion for the caboose.
- The town is trying to hire a part-time parks attendant.
- The town will be putting more gravel on the trail from Watkins Park to the rails.

**Unfinished Business:**

- We will order 3 more trash cans for Brian to install in the parks.
- Tina reported that the parks are in good shape.
- We will be joining the garden club to add more daylilies at Vest Pocket Park.
- Tina will purchase 25 more granite blocks to install at Wildwood Park as well as some slate to put under the swing there.

**New Business:**

- Several new shrubs and perennials were purchased and installed at the entrance to the trails and at the point in Wildwood Park.
- Tina and Beverly met with a girl-scout troupe and agreed to a project of making identification labels for trees and shrubs along the trail as well as removing invasive garlic mustard for Earth Day.

- Tina reported that the lighted garland stored in the town storage shed was wet and smelly and may have to be replaced.
- Gina reported that the town is purchasing a new storage shed which will be installed at the maintenance yard.
- The town will be putting up Christmas decorations on November 10 and we will also decorate Wildwood Park on November 11.
- Several members of the Kiwanis asked for a way to acknowledge all the work they have done in the past to create and help maintain Prospect Park. They also plan to install some new benches there. It was decided that we need to visit the park and determine the best way to honor them.

Next meeting is November 20.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary