

**Town of Mt. Airy
Beautification Commission Meeting
February 15, 2022**

In Attendance: Tina Swanson (Chair), Beverly Blatchford, Dick Heiger, Dwight Mullinix, Doris Wilcher, Ashley Collier, Lynne Galletti

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes: November minutes were approved as written.

Chairman's Comments:

- Tina welcomed Christopher Spaur who is interested in joining this commission.

Councilman's Report:

- Lynn reported that the council is working on the budget. She also said that bulk pickup is scheduled for April 30, that water meters are being replaced in some areas, and that a citizen group has been formed to work on the Flat Iron Building.

Town Staff Report:

- Ashley reported that she received a \$5000 grant from Keep America Beautiful for planting trees in Windy Ridge Park. She offered it to this commission to spend. She also said that Love Your Park Week is in April near Earth Day and that the Church of Latter Day Saints has offered to help with tasks in the parks.

Recreation and Parks:

- Tina reported that the town has installed some solar lights at the dog park as requested by a group of dog walkers. Solar lights have also been requested for the skate park. She also said that Brian Johnson's staff is working to alleviate the soggy ground near the pavilion in Summit Ridge Park, that phase 2 of the all-inclusive park has been started, and that there is an initial design for a cross country bike course in Windy Ridge Park.

Unfinished Business:

- February is the month to prune the roses in Vest Pocket Park. Dick Heiger volunteered to take care of it.
- Tina reported that one of the redbud trees along the Wildwood Park fence is dying and will need to be replaced.
- We need to check on all the trees that we planted at the Dog Park and Watkins Park sign.

- Of the 350 holiday ornaments that we purchased, the town sold 195, the Historical Society sold 100, and 40-50 were given to town volunteers.

New Business:

- Tina reminded us that we need to look at the Windy Ridge and East-West Trail to start planning where we will plant trees.
- Tina reminded us to think about the budget for the next fiscal year. We will determine the budget at the next meeting. We will determine the date and time for the meeting at a future time.

Next meeting is March 14 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary