

**Town of Mt. Airy
Beautification Commission Meeting
Via Zoom
February 16, 2021**

In Attendance: Tina Swanson (Chair), Dick Heiger, Doris Wilcher, Beverly Blatchford, Karl Munder, Ashley Collier, John Breeding

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

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved as modified.

Chairman's Comments:

- Tina Swanson said that the article in the Messenger describing Beverly Blatchford as the Volunteer of the Year was very complete. Since it mentioned that four of the commission members were Master Gardeners, she asked Tony to write that being a Master Gardener is not a requirement to join our commission.

Councilman's Report:

- Karl Munder had nothing to report.

Communication and Events Director Report:

- Ashley Collier said that there was nothing major to report.

Unfinished Business:

- Tina Swanson reported that she would add the purchase of holiday decorations to the Project Plans document that is to be submitted along with the budget for 2021.
- Dick Heiger reported that he pruned half of the rose bushes in Vest Pocket Park. While he was there a neighbor near the park came by and pruned the dead branches out of the cherry trees and hauled away the debris. Tina Swanson said that the garden club was amenable to replacing the damaged trees if we determine it is necessary.
- Tina Swanson reported that the paths in Wildwood Park were shoveled except for the entrance at the point. She will ask Brian Johnson to ensure that this part gets plowed.

New Business:

- We discussed having a mural painted in Watkins Park to honor a town volunteer. It was decided that we would prefer a small plaque instead. If a generic mural were to be painted, it must be very well done. There was some concern that a mural would encourage graffiti. Ashley Collier said that she would develop a map to show the locations of all the town's memorials.

- We all preferred the second rendering of a sign to be placed in Ava's Foundation Playground. However, we agreed that it is too large. John Breeding said that the design needs to be approved by the planning commission.
- The only idea presented for a Girl Scout Gold Award project was a shade structure for the senior center. Tina Swanson said that she would speak to people there to determine if they would like this.
- John Breeding reported that monthly work sessions will take place to develop the 2023 Master Plan. He invited us to have representation at the webinars. The next one is scheduled for March 4 at 6 P.M.

Next meeting is March 16 at 7:00 via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Beverly Blatchford, Secretary