

Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee

The Roanoke Rapids Beautification Committee met on Monday, June 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

Present: **Ruthie Gregory, Chairman** **Ernest Bobbitt, Council Liaison**
 Joyce Tillery, Vice Chairman **Danny Acree, Staff Liaison**
 Sarah Carpenter **Doug Love, Staff Assistant**
 Annette Stallings

Absent: **Susan Walker, Chris Lehman, Steve Holliday**

The meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were approved without additions or corrections.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Not sure what Beautification had received for upcoming year. \$1,500 or \$2,500.

OLD BUSINESS

North Entrance City Sign

Situation has not changes. Mr. Chalker is working on getting a second light.

Main Street

The question of a Main Street representative came up since Wesley Pepper has resigned from the Beautification Committee. No one was interested. Ruthie will talk with Christina Caudle.

Centennial Park

The dead plants have been removed and nice looking loropetalum plants are there; supposing that they are dwarf which grow to 3 or 5 feet. The Beautification Committee is available for unbiased knowledgeable information. These plants should be pruned from time to time so as not to cover the monument.

Cemetery

The large cedar that was dying near the pond has been removed thanks to Doug. Near the pond one of the Japanese maples and the weeping cherry are also dead and need to be removed. There was discussion concerning the pond bulkhead support. There is great need for the dirt is caving into the pond. There is now a hole about 3 feet in from the edge of the bank.

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Mayor's Beautification Award

It was mentioned that the Mayor's Award pictures had been featured in the local paper with the wrong address for the Fergusons. Public Works will keep the signs between awards. Sarah Carpenter, Steve Holliday and Ruthie Gregory are the next committee and have section D which is west of Vance St. from the river to Hinson St. Then along Hinson to Roanoke Avenue stopping at the city limits on the south and west. This included 2 small sections on the map which includes Smoot Drive. Check the map, section D. this is for July, August and September. Talked about riding together for safety's sake. Will talk with Steve.

Where to Spend Money

We will vote on items after we get the money and more members are present.

Resignation of Dr. Griffin

He send an email. We now have two vacancies.

NEW BUSINESS

Junk cars around 1300 block of Roanoke Avenue on west side. Ernest suggested we speak with Kelly Lasky concerning the matter.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lloyd Andrews City Meeting Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruthie Gregory

(In absence of the secretary)