

The Municipality of Germantown City Beautiful Commission met on January 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and in attendance was Kristy Alsip, Robin Alsip, and Amanda Latsko. Council liaison Rick Reed was absent.

### **Election of Chairperson/Vice Chairperson for 2019**

2019 officers were elected for term. Robin nominated Kristy Alsip for Chairperson with second by Amanda Latsko. Kristy nominated Robin Alsip for Vice Chairperson with a second by Amanda Latsko.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were reviewed & approved with no corrections needed.

### **Old Business:**

- Robin will be notifying the primary & intermediate school offices on January 9<sup>th</sup>, about the winners of the Christmas coloring contest to be announced during the morning announcements on January 10<sup>th</sup>. It was discussed that we are waiting to hear back from Kelli regarding the placement of the Coloring Contest sign winner in one of the students yards as they are in Farmersville and there was concern that putting the sign out of jurisdiction would be an issue with the possibility of damage or loss to the sign.
- Kristy will reach out to Kelli later this week to discuss the sign issue as well as concern that no one got back with us regarding our 2018 budget balance prior to the end of the year.

### **New Business:**

- Robin is going to stop by the city garage and get a full inventory count of all signs we have for CBC contest winners so we can try to plan out some new awards for 2019. The committee would like to get a Facebook account set up to organize and advertise contests and activities for this year and would like to set up a time to speak with Judy & Kelli about getting this done.
- Need to get the CBC email address forwarded over to where the emails are going to Kristy Alsip.
- As part of our contests this year the committee would like to work with local businesses to collect donations to put together a few gift baskets to award our contest winners such as Landscaping awards, Halloween/Christmas Decorating awards, and Fix-Up awards. Need advice from city manager on appropriate rules for asking for those donations appropriately, or if this is even allowed. If this is not permitted we would like to find out what our restrictions are on supplying prizes to our winners.
- We need to find out if the flower pots and baskets are back at Stockslager's. Robin is going to call our contact there to let them know we do NOT want any tall plants/flowers in the center of the pots this year as they continue to outgrow the other plants in the pots.
- CBC members will start inspection and decoration of the Christmas tree pots earlier in the season instead of waiting until winter to do it. This may require going to the water tower where they are typically stored to do so.
- We would also like to start decorating the toll house for Memorial Day through Labor Day, and then at Christmas to allow it to be a part of Christmas in the Park.
- Amanda is going to reach out to Ace Hardware to see if they have any inventory left of white Christmas LED lights for the trees, as well as price around at different vendors. Need a count of total tree pots before purchase.

- We discussed some new contest ideas to involve the downtown business district such as a window decorating contest and will bring those ideas to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Municipality building.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Alsip