

The Municipality of Germantown City Beautiful Commission met on April 16, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and in attendance was Kristy Alsip, Robin Alsip, Tim Johnson & Amanda Latsko. Absent was council liaison Rick Reed.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were approved with no corrections needed.

Old Business:

- Easter Coloring Contest winners were selected. Robin is reaching out to both families to notify them of the results and to invite them to the May 20th council meeting for their awards. Art kits and enlarged posters of the kids coloring pages will be presented to the children along with their certificate.
 - K-2 grade winner is Chloe Mefford- 126 West Market Street
 - 3-5 grade winner is Amaya Donson- 305 Windcliff Drive
- Robin will reach out to the Germantown Press to invite them for the award presentation
- Committee is still working on budget estimates to provide the city manager in regards to updated decorations/lighting needed for Christmas.
- Amanda called Kuhn's Ace Hardware to see if they would be able to work with us on pricing later this year when they start pulling inventory back in the store. She also price shopped on Amazon and other online sources but at this time there is no discounted market on buying.

New Business:

- City manager Judy Gilliland had emailed the committee in regards to planting flowers at the Municipal building this year. With renovations nearing completion at the old Huntington bank site, the municipal staff should be moving into their new offices by mid-May. Judy expressed concern about planting down at the main building as construction will begin down there in June, so we agreed to evaluate the property at the new location and look to plant all the beds there instead.
- New member Tim Johnson was present and we spent a few minutes filling him in on what we have done with the CBC in the past and what we are hoping to bring forward with the committee in the future. He presented us with a great idea of starting to organize a community trash pick-up day and has contact information to reach out to Montgomery County who will provide us with trailers/bags/gloves. Over the next couple meetings we will continue to plan and organize this event and look to launch it towards the end of summer/early fall. As part of the program we will work with businesses in town to see if we can get donations of donuts/coffee for a pre-pickup breakfast, and possibly drink stations to set up through town. We will also be putting out feelers on the Facebook page to see how many volunteers we are potentially looking at receiving- inviting other community groups to join us like the boy/girl scouts, VVBase, and so on.
- Committee members will go to Stockslagers on May 18th to pick out flowers to be planted at the new city offices in the old Huntington Bank building, and will look to plant on Sunday, May 19th, weather permitting.

- Other ideas were discussed to bring awareness to the CBC such as hosting a CBC volunteer day in late May/early June at Kercher Park for VVBase. Kristy will be reaching out to board members to see what we can arrange and the committee will discuss a layout for flyers to hand out showcasing any upcoming events.
- Also posting updates on the CBC Facebook page and will be starting an interactive post with members to post their favorite “beautiful” picture of Germantown. Committee is looking to start some online contests as well for pictures submitted. Tim’s idea was to even look at doing a seasonal photo contest.

May meeting will be on Thursday, May 16th and will likely continue to be held on Thursday’s for the duration of the summer to accommodate the committee member’s schedules for children’s sports.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Alsip