

The Municipality of Germantown City Beautiful Commission met on January 14, 2020 at the Depot. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. and in attendance was Kristy Alsip, Robin Alsip, and Tim Johnson. Absent was Shelly Powers and Rick Reed.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes were approved after a correction noted that Rick Reed was in attendance for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Nomination of 2020 Officers:**

- Tim Johnson nominated Kristy Alsip for president of commission with a second from Robin Alsip
- Kristy Alsip nominated Robin Alsip for vice president of commission with a second from Tim Johnson.

#### **Old Business:**

- Correction was noted that Rick Reed was listed as absent for the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and updated in the approval of minutes.
- Discussed presentation of the Christmas Coloring contest awards at the council meeting
- Continued discussion of damaged hanging baskets & pricing from Stockslager's. Agree with city manager Judy Gilleland that we should opt for the first option presented by Stockslager's and purchase the 23" H2O Labor Saver baskets at \$85/basket, though we do not think that has ever been an expense from the CBC budget.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion for community clean-up day started off new business. Committee is looking at trying to host two this year, one in Spring and another in the Fall. Tim is going to check with Montgomery County Sheriff's office to see what their schedule is for inmate clean-up days.
  - Would like to offer prizes or incentives to get a larger community involvement this year.
  - Set up an early RSVP for teams and individuals to pick a quadrant of town they would like to put their focus on.
    - Tim mentioned having commission members drive around town and make note of problem areas that we could put our focus on this year.
- Will look into a possible booth rental for the Germantown Pretzel Festival, or combine with another community booth to pass out flyers and information on the CBC.
  - Some ideas to include on flyer could be:
    - Helpful tips for trash/recycling
    - Collection buckets for used/broken Christmas lights
    - Community involvement open forum
- Discussion of expanding our planting this year to include the Germantown signs on Route 4 at Market Street and Weaver Road. Will follow up with Tiffani or Kelli to see who has handled that in the past.
- Tim will continue to work with Rick Reed and look to present ideas to the council regarding the community garden information he has accumulated and organized.
  - Would like to check with the Twin Valley Garden Club to see if they would have any interest in involvement should it get passed at council.

- Need to email Kelli or Tiffani to make sure the Christmas contest winners signs are removed from their yards as we were advised at the council meeting that the signs were leaning and falling over due to recent high winds and heavy rain.
- Will be posting on the CBC Facebook page that we are looking for new members after the resignation of Amanda Latsko in December.
- Looking to revamp the Easter contest for the kids this year and do something different from the coloring pages done in the years past. Commission members will brainstorm and do some internet research and discuss at February meeting.
- Robin would like to keep a running list this year of ALL contest winners and welcome them all to an end of the year recognition party at the city building. An idea that first was mentioned to us by city manager Judy Gilleland.

**Due to a previous work commitment, our next meeting is scheduled for February 18th at 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Alsip