

**CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Beautification Committee**

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday

November 3, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

On roll call, at 5:43pm the following members were present:

Kathryn Brandt – Chair
Thomas Krauska
Don Massey- absent
Ellen Medearis
Joyce Menning
Denise Schaedler-excused
Josie Green
Catherine Green
Mary Stadter, Aldermanic Representative

Staff: Brian Hibdon, Public Works Superintendent
Jim Gillam, Director of Public Works
Kathy Naccarato, Parks & Recreation Secretary

New Chairperson appointed

Mr. Krauska nominated Catherine Green as new chairperson and Mrs. Menning seconded, with 6 approved and 0 opposed.

Ms. Green stated her goal is to continue with the progress of the committee and to set goals and complete them.

Public Comment

Mr. Krauska shared information about an upcoming workshop on Healthy Soil, Happy Pollinators and Huge Harvests and a presentation on the America in Bloom Program.

Board of Aldermen Report

Alderman Stadter reported that there have been several long budget sessions trying to balance the budget. November 24 they will be introducing the budget and December 8 they will be approving the budget.

Alderman Stadter presented 4 logos that could be used for any signs, including yard of the month.

Staff Report

Mr. Hibdon reported that at Spellman Park they are trenching for the lights, most of the sewer work is done, they are waiting for some dryer weather to build the tennis court, the pavilion has been ordered, one playground piece has been installed and concrete has been poured under the swings and a new piece of playground equipment. They will pour the rubberized surface when we have three warm days in a row.

Mr. Hibdon and Mr. Gillam met with the Memorial Committee. They took Denise's picture of the plantings and are going to move along with that. The park department will be doing the plantings.

New bins made from concrete blocks were put in at Whitecliff Park for the woodchips and logs. The bins in the Park Ops yard were also done.

Crestwood Park pavilions are on order. Next week Mr. Hibdon will be meeting with the project manager from All Inclusive Rec to talk about running electric from the restrooms over to each pavilion. They are hoping to have the concrete pads poured by December 31.

New Business

Chairperson has been changed to Catherine Green. There can be 9 members of the committee and right now there are 7. Alderman Stadter stated that the mayor has tried to reach Don Massey without any success and the mayor is going to ask the Board of Alderman to officially remove Mr. Massey from this committee at the next BOA meeting.

Old Business

Sue Bremehr hopes to have 60-65 trees for the holiday contest. They already have 1 major donor. There will be an incentive to visit all the trees. November 17 and 18 they will be assembling the ballot boxes. The Crestwood holiday guide will be launched before Thanksgiving. Alderman Stadter stated McDonalds is looking for help with their tree. Mrs. Green asked how someone can still be a part of the guide.

The logos/banners for the tree contest and the Santa event were shared with the committee. There is space near the bottom for sponsorships next year. There are 31 signs. Alderman Stadter recommended ordering signs for the yard of the month in 2015 to use the existing budget. An email was sent out with wreath options for the light poles with the banners. Alderman Stadter recommended unlit. Catherine Green agreed that unlit would be better for the budget. Kathryn Brandt shared that the unlit are not easy to see at night.

Kathryn Brandt moved to approve a purchase of yard signs for yard of the month up to \$500 and Mr. Krauska seconded, with 6 approved and none opposed, motion passed.

There was discussion about repurposing the pots/trashcans from the mall. Mr. Krauska moved to repurpose the pots for use at city hall up to \$200 and Josie Green seconded, with 6 approved and none opposed, motion passed. Mr. Hibdon answered questions about how to get the items paid for from the Beautification account.

Alderman Stadter provided pricing information for the yard signs. Ellen Medearis asked if there are businesses in every ward. Alderman Stadter approached the ward sign and pointed out the locations.

There was discussion about guest speakers coming to the meetings.

Adjournment

A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Krauska and seconded by Kathryn Brandt. A voice vote was taken with 6 in favor and none opposed. The next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2016, at 5:30, at City Hall. Meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.



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Recreation Secretary