

LEWISVILLE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

September 18, 2023

Lewisville Town Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Holli Conger opened the meeting at 7:01 PM. In attendance were Holli Conger (Chair), Ellen Lee (Vice Chair), Carolyn Fulton, Susan Linker, Christi Ritter, Town Manager James Ayers and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Alex Branower, Cynthia Kiger, Sonsera Kiger, Miriam Marley, Bernice Perzel, Miriam Selby, and Zeke Mock were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Susan Linker moved to approve an amended agenda to include the addition of work paths discussion as item 4Bia. The motion was seconded by Ellen Lee and motion was approved unanimously.
- III. **Minutes Approval** – Carolyn Fulton moved to approve the May 15, 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded by Christi Ritter and motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Old Business**
 - a. Clean Sweep – The committee will partner with the Environmental Conservation and Sustainability Committee (ECSC) for Clean Sweep on October 21. The schools and Lewisville United Methodist Church have been contacted for volunteers. A little closer to the event, Ms. Ritter will seek volunteers on a community Facebook page. Volunteers must be 16 or older. It was suggested to contact the HOAs.
 - b. Jack Warren Park
 - i. Perennial garden
 1. Work path – Once plant thinning in the garden is completed, the committee was asked to flag where they would like to have work paths located. Mr. Hanna will work with the contractor on this endeavor.
 2. Bulb purchases for underdeveloped area – This will be discussed in October.
 3. Compost area management – Concern was expressed that the compost area seems to be too large. It was asked if the clippings could be ground. Mr. Hanna will research the possibility of renting a grinder. It was noted the grinding could be an educational tool for the community.
 4. Mulched area boundaries – This was covered in the next item.
 5. Plant thinning proposal – Mr. Hanna will work the contractor on identifying plants that can be removed. This would also help identify the area to be mulched.
 6. Plant support systems and storage – It was noted that a few years ago extra plant stakes from the perennial garden were given to the staff for storage. Mr. Hanna will look for the stakes. If they cannot be located, the committee would like to purchase more so they can be used in the pollinator garden.
 7. Weed concerns – When there are weed concerns, Mr. Hanna requested this be communicated with Holli so she can share with him.
 - ii. Pollinator garden – This garden is doing well and only a few plants were lost. There are some issues with moles that needs to be addressed.
 1. Mulch schedule – Mulching is typically done in February or March.
 1. Watering system update – It was noted there is no sprinkler system at the gardens. The committee inquired if a hose and sprinkler could be used by the committee versus carrying bottled water to the garden. Mr. Hanna will determine what is available.

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- iii. Memorial trees – Mr. Hanna will look at ways to protect some of the trees from deer. He will also be replacing the two memorial trees that have died – a Sassafras and a Sourwood. These will need to be replaced with a different type since those did not do well. One tree was purchased in honor of the Nissen House Steering Committee and will be replaced with a Black Gum Tree. The other tree was purchased in memory of a family member so Mr. Hanna will contact the family to determine if they have a preference.
- c. Bluebird Trail report – Ms. Fulton gave an update that 44 bluebirds and swallows were fledged this season. The birds are remaining in the area and can be seen at MAWCC and in the park. To house the birds, additional bluebird boxes would be needed. It was noted the State Employee Credit Union sells bluebird boxes. Mr. Hanna will communicate with the credit union to determine cost and availability while determining how many the Town wants to invest.

V. New Business

- a. Discover Lewisville document update – Mrs. Conger is reviewing the Discover Lewisville document and sought feedback from the committee. In the future, the public art locations could be included into the document.
- b. Wayfinding/directional signage to gardens for new walking trail – This will be evaluated as the new trails are being designed.

VI. Clerk Report

- a. The Lewisville Civic Club is hosting a Candidate Forum on October 19 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall in the Council Chambers. Municipal elections are November 7.

VII. Next Meeting – October 16, 2023 at 7 PM

VIII. Adjournment – Ellen Lee moved to adjourn at 8:01 PM. The motion was seconded by Christi Ritter and motion was approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Holli Conger, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk