

HOPE MILLS APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

February 25, 2020

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:54 p.m. by Chair, Cathy Johnson.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Present:**
 - Marie Callender
 - Evelyn Barnes
 - Tina M. Yossett
 - Sue Moody
 - Cathy Johnson, Chair
 - Pat Edwards, Liaison, Commissioner
 - Jamie Bahma, Liaison, Parks & Rec
 - LaMarco Morrison, Guest (Parks & Rec. Rep)
 - Grilley Mitchell, Guest
3. **Approval of January 25, agenda:** Motion by Tina Yossett. Move to approve the agenda of February 25. Seconded by Jamie Bahma and carried with necessary corrections/additions.
4. **Approval of January 25 minutes:** Motion by Sue Moody. Move to approve the minutes of February 25 meeting. Seconded by Sue Moody and carried with any necessary corrections.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Budget:** Jamie requested \$15,000 for Christmas events, Lake Gazebo with accessories, Christmas bows, trees, seeds and Ag Day. Additional activities were also discussed to be added to the Christmas events (carriage rides and caroling on Friday night).
 - b. **Yard of the Month:** Help is needed for YOM because there is a lot of work that goes into this event and one person can't do it. Tina suggested a potential candidate for the first YOM for 2020. The house is located at Jefferson & Davis. Tina will provide a picture of the yard for review. YOM is for Hope Mills residents only. Yards cannot be maintained professionally in order to participate in YOM.
 - c. **.Christmas Decorating Contest:** Motion by Tina Yossett. Moved to table until June meeting, 2nd by Evelyn Barnes...
 - d. **Hope Mills Lake Electric Board:** This was briefly discussed to clarify and update Ms. Moody. There is money left in the budget to get the board covered. Electric Board will be discussed in more detail with Rebecca at a later date, hopefully at the March meeting.

- e. **Community Ag Day:** Ag Day will be May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Approximately 30 volunteers will be needed to work the event. Flyers advertising the event will need to be posted and distributed in April. Southview will be having their FFA Day Saturday, April 4. Southview will participate in the Appearance Committee Ag Day event. Other participants are: Master Gardner, Storm Water, Seed Bombs, Bee Associates, and Soil Testing.

6. New Business:

- a. **Welcome:** Cathy Johnson, Chair welcomed all the new members and guests.
- b. **Elections:** Motion by Sue Moody. Moved to approve the motion for Marie Callender to be Secretary and seconded by Evelyn Barnes.
- c. **Heritage Park Presentation:** A presentation was given by LaMarco Morrison on the status of the Heritage Park project. The Committee agreed that the draft presented appeared to be satisfactory with recommended improvements. Mr. Morrison also requested a letter of recommendation from the Appearance Committee to assist with obtaining a grant that will assist in providing finances to build the park.
- d. **Additional Discussion:** Jamie brought to the attention of the Committee that the Gazebo at Town Hall needed some beautification, benches and solar lights. A discussion ensued about purchasing planters and solar lights for the Gazebo.

Motion by Sue Moody. Moved to approve the purchase of two solar lights for the Gazebo at Town Hall and seconded by Evelyn Barnes. Jamie will check prices for the planters and trash cans needed for the Gazebo.

- 7. **Adjournment:** Motion by Evelyn Barnes. Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. seconded by Tina Yossett

Cathy Johnson, Chair

Marie Callender, Secretary