

## HOPE MILLS APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

for

June 23, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair, Cathy Johnson
2. **Roll Call:**  
**Present:**
  - Marie Callender, Secretary
  - Tina Yossett
  - Sally Bailey
  - Phyllis Hales (new member)
  - Grace King (new member)
  - Bahma Jamie, Parks & Rec Liaison
  - Cathy Johnson, Chair
3. **Approval of January 25, agenda:** Motion by Tina Yossett. Moved to approve the agenda of February 25, 2020. Seconded by Grace King and carried with necessary.
4. **Approval of January 25 minutes:** Motion by Sally Bailey. Moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2020. Seconded by Tina Yossett and carried with necessary corrections and/or additions.

### Old Business:

- a. **Members:** Introductions of members and welcome of new members.
- b. **Lake Electric Board:** Marie made a suggestion to plant shrubbery, flowers and plants in front of the board. It was also suggested to put a "Welcome to Hope Mills" signage in front of the board along with greenery. Jamie informed the Committee that \$11,600 was the approved budget which includes the ADA ramp. Several other comments and suggestions were made in reference to the electric board. Jamie stated she will get an updated pricing for the sign.
- c. **YOM (Yard of the Month):** The Committee discussed ideas of advertising the YOM such as social media, handing out flyers and placing flyers with various businesses in Hope Mills. The YOM guidelines were read and the Chair informed the committee that the YOM award would be usually presented at the Board Meeting each month.

The point of contacts for YOM submissions will be Cathy Johnson, Chair and Marie Callender, Secretary. Tina Yossett stated that she recommends the house on Johnson Street as YOM since it was presented before COVID19. Once everyone viewed the house, the committee would vote electronically. It was also suggested

that the Committee continue with the decision of the house on Johnson Street as YOM since it was presented before Covid.

**d. Christmas Events:**

- Caroling at the Lake was suggested to be added as a part of the Hope Mills Christmas events. Jamie will research and look for musician(s) to see if he/she can provide carolers for the event. The tentative date for caroling is December 4, 2020.

Buggy rides and an open house was also suggested to be part of the Christmas events. The question arose of having a yule log. Jamie volunteered to look into the situation to see if a yule log would be possible.

**New Business:**

- a. Welcome:** Due to being absent from meetings for an extended period of time due to Covid-19 welcome of new members was done earlier.
- b. Covid-19:** A brief update and discussion ensued and members health condition and concerns.
- e. Town Hall Gazebo Improvements:** Jamie has put new flags and banners on the gazebo. She will also research pricing for new pillars and easements. She was also put in charge of maintaining the gazebo.

**Fayetteville Arts Council Update:** Former member, Rebecca Beck was researching the issue of becoming a part of the Council and hiring an artist through them to paint a picture in front of the Lake Board. However, Ms. Beck is no longer a member of the Appearance Commission. Therefore, issue is dead.

- f. Budget:** Jamie informed the Committee that \$11,000 was approved in the Appearances' budget and \$3,700 remains from the previous budget. Also, \$10,000 was requested for swings for the lake park. Note: The Appearance Commission continues to maintain the grant to do the lake area. Jamie advised the Committee that in hopes of getting all requested funds, she placed budget items in various locations hoping this would allow the Committee to obtain all necessary monies requested.

**Adjournment:** The Chair thanked all for attending and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

*Cathy Johnson, Chair*

*Marie Callender, Secretar*