

## HOPE MILLS APPEARANCE COMMISSION MINUTES

For

July 28, 2020

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
  - Present:** Marie Callender, Secretary  
Grace King  
Pat Edwards, Commissioner Liaison  
Tina M. Yossett, Co-Chair  
Cathy Johnson, Chair  
Sally Bailey  
Meghan Hawkins Freeman, Liaison for Jamie  
Evelyn Barnes
3. **Approval of July 28, 2020 agenda:** Motion made to approve the agenda by Grace King with necessary corrections and seconded by Tina Yossett, motion carried.
4. **Approval of July 28, 2020 minutes:** Motion made to approve minutes by Sally Bailey and seconded by Evelyn Barnes, motion carried.

### Old Business:

a. **Covid-19 updates:** no discussion

b. **Budget:** no discussion

c. **YOM (Yard of the Month):** Brenda Dixx was awarded YOM for July 2020. The YOM sign will remain in her yard throughout July. The house at 5048 Cameron Road was suggested for August 2020 YOM by Cathy. Motion made by Tina Yossett, seconded by Sally. Motion carried for August 2020 YOM. However, voting will be done electronically due to the fact that the Commission will not meet again before August 17 when the YOM will be presented to the Board of Commissioners. The voting deadline is August 10.

The Commission has deemed it necessary to get a new YOM signage. The Appearance Commission is accepting suggestions and/or designs for a new YOM signage.

d. **Christmas:** Megan Freeman reported for Jamie as the Parks and Rec liaison. Megan updated the Commission on the Christmas events per the new Parks and Rec Director, Larmarco. He has suggested that all events be held on the same date including lighting of the Christmas tree with approval of the Mayor. The Appearance Commission suggested some new events to be added: carriage rides, train rides, Christmas tree decorating contest, and a tour of decorated homes. Larmarco, the Parks and Rec, Director also thought it would be a good idea to add s'mores to the event along with the hot chocolate and

cookies. Megan stated that the trees could be decorated by clubs, businesses, schools, organizations, (etc.). The Commission will need to determine a name for the tree event (i.e. Village of Trees) and for the decorated houses (i.e. Parade of Houses). \* **See Jamie's notes from 7/28/20 meeting.**

It was also suggested that a small fee be charged for certain events to offset expenses. This has been tabled for further discussion.

**e. Lake Electric Board:** After much discussion regarding this project the Commission has determined that there would be a welcome sign placed in front of the electric board with plants/flowers surrounding it.

**New Business:**

**a. Planting:** Cathy will coordinate with Jamie as to when planting can be done at the Town Hall gazebo. The Commission would like for planting to be done before Ole Mill days.

**b. Lake Gazebo:** Sally initiated a discussion regarding the purchase of new bows/ribbons for the Lake gazebo. She stated that she had previously spoken with "John" regarding the purchase price for new bows/ribbons, and he quoted her a price of \$400 "for all bows". The Commission requested that Sally be the lead for this project and bring three written proposals for poly ribbons/bows that would also include the durability of the bows/ribbons (approximately how long they will last) before moving forward.

**c. YOM New Flyer:** Cathy distributed a copy of the new flyer for the YOM to the Commission. It has been posted on various social media pages with information on how to submit applications for yards for YOM.

**Adjournment:**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. by Grace King and seconded by Evelyn Barnes. Motion carried.

*Cathy Johnson, Chair*

*Marie Callender, Secretary*