

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
106 W. DIVISION STREET
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2023
5:00 P.M.**

The Beautification Committee was called to order by Chair Barb Petkovsek. On roll call: Janice Miller, Linda Hemp, Barb Petkovsek, Barb Miller, Maggie Gelhaus, Lori Pekol and Doris Bakker. Absent: Kathy Brugger.

Also present: Luke Friemoth and Regan Barth.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as filed with the Clerk.

Appearances: Natalie Erpenbach

Discuss 2022 Winter decorating and ideas for 2023 Winter Decorating: Have received positive comments on 2022 Winter decorations. For 2023 Winter Decorations the Committee discussed working with Bob Petkovsek to make some white birch deer and wooden planters.

Discuss ideas for City of Neillsville-theme, welcoming, murals, artwork, etc.: discussion was had on various themes, murals, and historic pictures were shared. The Committee also discussed Neillsville/historic/tourism/recreation-drawing people to Neillsville.

Discussion and/or act on Prock Park design/development to submit to Planning Commission for approval: working with Kranzations on making/installing a metal arch with the wording “Prock Park” across the top, visible from both directions to be placed above the existing Welcome to Neillsville sign.

Motion Miller, second Gelhaus, to work with Kranzations on making/installing a metal arch with the wording “Prock Park” across the top, visible from both directions to be placed above the existing Welcome to Neillsville sign. All Aye.

Discussion and/or act on benches and bench sponsorship of benches in Town Square Park. The Park Bench Sponsorship form was reviewed.

Motion Gelhaus, second Hemp, to forward on to the Planning Commission on benches and bench sponsorship in Town Square Park. All Aye.

Update on possible repairs to the gazebo in Town Square Park. Regan Barth updated the Committee on the repairs and costs for the gazebo in Town Square Park.

Discussion and/or approve agreement with the Legion on street banners. The Military Banner Program proposal was discussed.

Motion Bakker, second Pekol, to adopt the establishment of the Military Banner Program.
All Aye.

Discussion and/or act on possible mural program. After a discussion, it was decided a work group would be formed to work on a City Theme. This group would include members from the Beautification Committee, Historic Preservation Committee and the Planning Commission. The representatives from the Beautification Committee are Lori Pekol and Maggie Gelhaus.

Discussion on dates for flower baskets, pots, and gardens to be delivered and planted. Regan Barth gave an update on the plants/baskets thus far. Setting a planting day date has been tabled.

Motion Gelhaus, second Hemp, to adjourn. All Aye.

Barb Petkovsek, Chair