

Blowing Rock Appearance Advisory
Minutes
June 20, 2019
Town Council Chambers 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Melissa Pickett, Curt Andrews, Carol Knapp, & Chris Wetmore

Members Absent: Bo Henderson

Staff Present: Shane Fox, Jennifer Brown, Chris Pate, & Baker Stanley

Begin: 9:05 a.m.

End: 11:15 a.m.

Approve May 2, 2019 Minutes: Curt made a motion to approve the May 2, 2019 minutes, Carol seconded, and it was a unanimous vote to approve.

Budget Update/Annual Fundraising Collection/Hanging Basket Collection: Jennifer stated that as of today BRAAC has collected \$2,930 more than projected. She also stated that there is \$17,704.87 that has not been spent; however, the flowers and hanging baskets have not been paid for and that will come out of the \$17,704.87.

Flowers and Hanging Baskets Update: Chris Pate stated that considering the weather and rain, 95% of the flowers have been planted. Curt asked if he was happy with the nursery that grew the flowers. Chris stated that he has been disappointed. He stated that he took soil to them and has been working closely with them; however, he can't be there the entire time and when he picked up the baskets he had to take some of them back to be replanted. He stated the only way to have total control would be to have his own greenhouse. Curt asked how much one would cost and Melissa asked if there is a place to put a greenhouse. Chris stated at one time he had been given an offer to purchase one at a really good price; however, he didn't have a place for it.

321 Landscape Project Update: Jennifer stated that DOT confirmed that the contractor will replace any dead trees. Mr. Fox confirmed and stated that any trees that are dead will be replaced from September 15th to December 15th. Chris stated that some of the trees are in shock and will be fine once they acclimate themselves to their new environment.

Memorial Park Playground Update: Jennifer stated that the 2-5-year-old playground has been removed. Mr. Fox stated that there is \$100,000 in the proposed budget to replace that piece; however, Town Council would like a plan done on the park first. Jennifer also stated that there was a new kind of mulch installed around the climbing wall for free. A gentleman who owns a house near Blowing Rock offered the material for free for us to try that is made from rubber bouncy ball material. She also stated that if we do not like it then we can remove it and put something else in its place.

Annual Fundraising Letter: Jennifer stated that since we will not meet again until August, she wanted to have the group start brainstorming about the fundraising letter that we send out in August. She stated that she will email last years letter to have everyone look over it and bring suggestions back in August.

Other Business: Melissa stated that the Village Foundation has approved moving forward with raising funds and implementing the portion of the Virginia Tech Plan behind the American Legion. She stated that they have made some changes. Curt asked if they are going to come to BRAAC and present and get feedback. Jennifer stated that they should be at our next meeting in August to present.