MINUTES

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

   Attendance: Judi McCall, Mike Manning, Pete Savage, Paula Mintek, Rosie Hunter, Cyndi Reed, Landria Christman

1. Also Present: Aaron Haskin

   Absent: Delora Andrus

2. Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2019: Pete motioned, supported by Mike, to approve the February 13, 2019 minutes. The minutes were approved.

3. Community Garden: A discussion about the Lions Club taking over the maintenance of the community garden took place. The Alternative Education class that has taken care of the garden the last couple of years would like to assist with the spring preparations and planting, but would prefer if another group would take over the responsibility of the garden. Mike said the garden fits with the Lions Club’s mission and they will discuss this at their next meeting. The Commission likes the idea of the Lions Club taking on the responsibility of the garden and suggested some improvements for the area to make it look better.

4. Cemetery Fountains: The Commission would like to restore some of the fountains in the cemetery. These originally used potable water and were flow through fountains. They were filled in more than 50 years ago. Aaron provided maps of the cemetery and pictures of the old fountain areas. The old fountain at the intersection of Bassett and Booth Streets is very unique and appears to still be intact. The Commission would like to begin removing the plantings in the fountain and digging the soil out of it to see if it can be refurbished and operational again. Some of the other fountains appear to be in worse shape or were removed. Aaron will have the fountain at Bassett and Booth dug out to evaluate its condition.
5. Cemetery Rules Sign: The Commission would like to create signs similar to the labyrinth sign and install several near the cemetery entrances. Paula said she would be willing to help with designing the signs.

6. Pickle ball sign: The banner at the Rossman Park pickle ball courts should be replaced with a permanent sign. The Commission would like the same style as the labyrinth sign. They will work on a design at upcoming meetings.

7. Rossman Park Landscaping: Cyndi asked if irrigation will be installed in Rossman Park this year. She suggested drip irrigation should be used instead of sprinkler systems. She said these types of systems are less expensive and will target the planting areas better. She would like to discuss more plantings for the park and asked that Rossman Park is on the next agenda for discussion.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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