



**AMHERST COUNTY  
ROUTE 29 BUSINESS  
BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**



**MINUTES**

DATE: October 27, 2021  
TIME: 4:00 PM  
PLACE: Administrative Office Comp

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve agenda as submitted.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Kennon

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

**3. Approval of Minutes for August 25, 2021**

A. August 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes for August 25, 2021 with one change.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Unrue

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

**4. Citizens Comments**

There were none.

**5. Tree Update**

Mr. Bryant discussed the replacement of trees and the costs, which were \$1921.56.

The committee also discussed how to protect the trees from being damaged when grass and weeds are being cut. There was discussion about using black flex pipe around the trees to protect the trunks during the grass and weed cutting season.

**6. Under Ground Power Utilites**

Mr. Bryant discussed the ordinance in review now regarding new buildings to install all power lines underground. Mr. Bryant stated that County officials had met with Appalachian Electric Power and it was determined that the cost of having all existing power lines underground was too expensive of a project to do at this time.

## **7. Route 29 Business Beautification Mini-Grant Application**

### **A. Trevor Gillispie**

Mr. Bryant presented the Mini Grant application for Trevor Gillispie at 4449 S. Amherst Hwy. Mr. Bryant stated that committee member Lori Saunders had brought up the fact that the committee needed to remain consistent with all applications when reviewing. Mr. Bryant mentioned that Mrs. Saunders had brought to his attention JT's Grill application, which was denied by the committee in the past because the work was done prior to reviewing the application. Mr. Bryant stated that Mr. Gillispie also had completed his work before the application was reviewed. Mr. Bryant was not clear if JT's Grill application was incomplete, but he offered the committee the choice if they wanted to review JT's Grill application again as well as Trevor Gillispie's, then staff could bring them both back at the next meeting.

There was a consensus to schedule a review of JT's Grill and Trevor Gillispies mini-grant applications and amend the mini-grant regulations, stating that work may be completed ninety (90) days prior to the application review, and bring back to the next meeting.

## **8. Old/New Business**

### **A. Membership**

Mr. Bryant updated the committee on Wafflehouse, AA Storage, the Car Wash, Star Bucks, Cookout, Monacan Indian Nation and the Town Home Project proposed by Trevor Gillispie.

Mr. Bryant informed the committee that committee member John Ruff's term had expired and a letter had been mailed notifying him. Mr. Bryant asked the committee to consider a candidate that is a business owner along the Route 29 Corridor to fill this position. The candidate's request will go before the Planning Commission.

Mr. Kennon brought up Andrew Proctor's idea regarding the County helping with businesses that had older existing signs that needed to be replaced. The committee was still confused about the concept of his idea and felt like he needed to have a sign company that is willing to take on this project and in agreement before discussing any further with the County. Mr. Bryant said that Mr. Proctor is welcome to come to the committee anytime to discuss and answer the committee's concerns and questions.

## **9. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Route 29 Business Beautification Committee Recommendation:

Motion: Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by: Brooks

Second: Unrue

Motion carried by a 6-0 vote.

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Chairman