Meeting of the Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Minutes

20 June 2025

In Attendance: Brandon Davis, Josh Gibbs, Charlie Mumaw, Bob Craine, David Smith, Aubrey Torres, Tripp Curtis Brian Bovino
Absent: None

Prior Meeting Minutes: Not provided, no action

Updates:

- Epling provided a quote to hydroseed, mulch, remove dripline irrigation, and can start within a week, one day of effort to complete, at $4,255.00.
- Commissioner Curtis raised concern that 7-8 trees in place have longevity problems
    - Further questioned the three trees on each end, proposing a cedar tree or some form of color, such as a community garden or flower bed.
- Public perception of the current Squirkle aesthetic is very positive
- No immediate resolution on the Squirkle project is needed
    - The Committee discussed adding things like lavender in certain spots for color if need be
- Budget comes from the CIP and the Tree Board will collaborate with Town Staff on tree selection.

More Policy Discussion - Memorials

- The Committee recapped the discussions on the policy to date
- Chair Davis presented the regulations and rules for public memorials proffered by Roanoke, Arlington, and Powhatan
    - Roanoke Standard – Any public facility may be named after a noteworthy public figure or official of historical, cultural significance or special benefactors of the city or a major contributor to a facility
    - Arlington – A deceased individual with a demonstrated significant public-service contribution that was sustained and had a lasting impact on the community
    - Powhatan – A honoree's contribution must have been significant to the community in some area of public service
- The Committee discussed and eventually agreed that memorial implies someone who has passed on and that the Arlington high bar standard should be applicable – this ensures that application numbers remain sustainable and Town spaces can sustain the effort, thus balancing honor and public spaces
- Commissioner Curtis raised the idea of something similar to Riverstone cemetery where individuals can dedicate a stone "paver" in a community space as a way of allowing public commemoration, a low profile, and an effort that generally avoids significant changes to aesthetic.
- The Committee discussed whether this was for 20180 residents or broader Lovettsville residents and the Arlington standard could help address that

- Discussion of long term carry costs and start up costs resulted in an agreement that low cost to entry and low cost to maintenance is preferred

More Town Hall Tree Planting Concept

- The Tree Board has been working on tree planting ideas for the property being acquired next to Town Hall
- The goal is to have something in place for America's 250th anniversary
    - Citing hardwoods or redbuds or river birch
- No recommendation or action sought, Tree Board will propose something for the next meeting

Clock Tower Repair Proposal

- Josh has sourced a clock tower company for tower rehabilitation in light of our original vendor becoming unresponsive.
- Company is from Bedford VA and specializes in clock tower repair
- Proposal in total is lower cost than Bell Foundry and includes 3 years of ongoing maintenance (But does not include parts)
- The Committee discussed that this isn't a warranty attached to a new install but ongoing maintenance of a system that has been in place for a while and, even after install, had issues shortly thereafter
    - Bell Foundry's follow-up maintenance was not provided
- *The Committee unanimously approved a contract award to the new vendor*.

Park Place Well and Quarter Branch Barn Parking Lot Rehabs After Action

- Escalante Trucking made quick work of the project
- Parking stops and shrubs are in place in front of Park Place well already
- Sign will be going up to note that the Park Place facility is a public facility
- Town opted to get Quarter Branch done for an extra $2,000.00 – qualified it as "a real bargain"
- The before and after photos are night and day improvements and provide considerably better access and safety for Town Staff and the public
- Town Staff pulled the Quarter Branch milling costs from the Quarter Branch improvement CIP

Tree Board Updates

- No updates