Litchfield Beautification Commission

Minutes January 27, 2017 2:00pm,

 Home of Anna Heys

In attendance: Anna Heys, Ruth Erickson, Margy Miner, Cindy Swope Absent: Betty Eisenhaure

Minutes from the Oct. 28, 2016 were approved.

Anna distributed the dates for the meetings in 2017:

January 27, March 31, May 19, July 28, Sept. 29, and Nov. 17. With the exception of the 1/27 meeting,

all meetings will be held at the Litchfield Community Center.

Anna said that the Litchfield Area Business Association did not ask for any funds for Christmas decorations.

The current total of donations in memory of Jeanne FitzGerald is $16,340. Additionally, the Litchfield Garden Club voted to donate $500, but it has not been received.

It was decided not to apply for a Scherr-Thoss grant this year, but to consider it for future projects.

Martin Laviero Contractor was awarded the island project with a bid of $13,850. Anna also noted that the bid included soil. The period of performance is from April 10 to April 29. Len Losee will contact Laviero.

Anna will contact Gary Rodgers about the landscaping of the islands. He landscaped the island done by the garden club and would help give the islands continuity of plantings.

The memorial marker with Jeanne’s name will be small

and will not visually distract drivers. Anna is exploring

the cost for that.

The maintenance of the four islands was discussed. It was estimated that it would cost $600 per year, based on four hours per month labor for six months, with additional expenses for mulch and plant replacement. Also, watering

the plantings could be done by the Fire Department, to which a donation would be given.

Ruth suggested a planter for the back of the building, since that is the primary entrance point. It was agreed to add one in the Spring. The decorations in the front of the building will be left until the end of February. Spring plantings will be discussed at the March meeting.

Anna suggested doing an Earth Day event on the Green with other commissions. Cindy will contact possible co-sponsors and also Northwest Conservation District for plantings to give out.