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Minutes of the Beautification and Conservation Subcommittee for April 20, 2006.

Meeting commenced at 7: 50 PM with four people present. Jerry Clement, Myra Kessler, Barb Joe-Yen, and John Miller.

Chairman Miller commented that the county is considering new beautification standards for the Duplex housing under the direction of Mary Gibbs. A short discussion agreed that standards for single family homes were good for Duplexes too. Chairman resolved to obtain a copy of the proposed standards prior to the next regular meeting.

Mr. Clements suggested that there were always codes pertaining to homes and that he had a copy of the original codes that originated with the Lehigh Corporation that developed Lehigh Acres in the first place.

The subcommittee agreed that these rules would be the natural starting place for consideration and Jerry Clements will bring his copies to the May 18 meeting.

Discussion included that new residents should consider the local ordinances when they build a home but seldom ever look at them again. Many things are done illegally with regard to beautification and general appearance but few people complain so it is assumed that everyone is doing well. If the newspapers would cooperate they could cover the codes every year in a series of articles printed monthly under "Homeowners responsibility".

With respect to the public, I strongly suggest that residents take an interest in our meetings in the future and join with us in forming our portion of the 2030 Lehigh Acres plan. Standards ought to be reasonable and still add to the general good appearance of the community.

Barbara JoeYen suggested that this committee meet with the Code Enforcement Subcommittee in May if possible. That meeting occurs at the main Library by the Lehigh Senior High School at 6:30 in the conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

*John Miller*