

TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION MINUTES
JUNE 25, 2019

PRESENT:

Phyllis Juetter, Chair
Vonnie Mott
Mary Ann Weber
Terry DeFillips
Gail Tafaro
Linda Lauerman
Robert Burns

Meeting opened by Phyllis Juetter 10:00 A.M.

Mary Ann will forward minutes from June 18th meeting today.

Points for discussion:

Phyllis has developed a list of suggested improvements to areas of Watchung after review of the areas. **The suggested pages are attached for review.** Based on a review of each area, we talked about setting a priority list to focus on one area at a time:

No 1.

- Somerset Street/Spratford Park

No.2.

- Boro Hall plantings

No. 3.

- Best Lake area

No. 4

- Village Green

Phyllis has three quotes from Martoccia, Galbraith and D'Avellas Landscaping companies for submission to the council for review and approval. Each quote has different items listed so Phyllis asked members to look over the quotes and make suggestions as to which items to accept from each quote. Bob Burns suggested that a drawing of the improvements be drawn up to show the council members.

Discussion about the oak trees on the median closest to the circle resulted in consensus to move the oak trees and replace with cherry trees for consistency. If we move the oak trees from the median, it was suggested that we move the oaks to the Texier House by the driveway. Mary Ann suggested contacting Amber Murad, chair of the Historical Committee, to make sure that the Historical Committee has no objections to placing the trees there.

We also discussed more color for the plantings on the ends of the medians. The purple salvia has not done well. Suggested Stella D'Ora lilies because they will show up better and they come back each year. We also plan on having the area between the trees mulched using Black mulch.

The Blue Star Memorial was discussed also. We are considering two weeping Snow Fountain Cherry trees on either side of the memorial and cleaning up the site. We may consider planting flowers in the two barrels there. Vonnie will check with Karen of the Garden Club to see what her plans are for the area.

One of the Boy Scouts would like to present a proposal to T and B for an Eagle Project. We will need to schedule time to meet with him. This is somewhat time sensitive since an Eagle Scout project must be completed before the scout's 18th birthday.

Gail mentioned that the pots for Boro Hall and the Police Department need to be refilled. No final determination was made as to who would work on this project..

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Weber

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Borough Hall

Front of Borough Hall

Lavender Rhododendrons (3 feet high) 2 in front and 2 on left side against concrete wall.

Fill in empty spaces in front with pink dwarf evergreen azalea (24"-30") need appr. 5

Remove stump.

Black mulch.

Town Parking Lot near Falls

Alternate 9 Green Mountain Boxwood (2') and 10 Crimson Barberry.

Black Mulch

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Best Lake

Parking Lot at Best Lake

Tree stump needs to be ground down.

Railroad tie curbing needed along perimeter of lot and add more gravel.

(Similar to parking area at Mobus Field)

Place a split rail fence behind curbing.

Continue sidewalk from Best Lake around bottom of dam behind benches and toward Library.

Sidewalk

Continue sidewalk to crossing on Valley Road at furniture store.

North Side of Sidewalk at Best Lake

Clean out weeds between present plantings and end of walk.

Plant semi dwarf Yoshino cherry trees in empty spaces and alternate with flowering Viburnum bushes. (Landscape knows what grows best in our area.)

Two benches needed on north side of walk near driveway and opposite protective railing fence.

Shade with two cherry trees.

Driveway to Bride's Bridge

Driveway to be made into a sidewalk that continues to Bride's Bridge.

Replace dying evergreen on East Side of Lake near driveway.

This is a Tree of Remembrance from the Garden Club for 9/11. It has a spotlight on it during the winter. DPW has the plaque.

BEST LAKE Sign

Place in front of wooden guard rail.

Weeping Beech Tree

Clean out and trim bottom of Beech Tree and replace area with mulch.

Continue mulch to Burnheade Pillar to create a planting berm

South Side of Best Lake

Clear a gravel path for people to walk along the south side of the lake.

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Somerset Street Medians

Medians on Somerset Street

Remove 5 red oak trees from newly planted median between Spratford Park and Commercial Building

Remove and plant trees in rear parking lot of Texier House

Remove grass and install approximately 20 semi dwarf Yoshino Cherry trees 2 1/2" caliper to match existing island. Plant 20 feet apart.

Mulch island with Black Mulch.

Plant purple salvia, 2 Dwarf Fountain Grass, 1 Dwarf Juniper, Pink Muhly Grass and Dwarf Gold Mop Cypress on each end of median to match pattern of cherry tree median. Plant bushes 3 feet apart.

On either side of BLUE STAR MEMORIAL plant Weeping Snow Fountain Cherry Trees 2 " caliper.

Trim present junipers and remove white stones.

Replace with black mulch.

Leave grass in place.

Remove Grass in Medians opposite Police Station and Condos and replace with black mulch.

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Spratford Park

Along Fence between park and gas station

Plant Green Giant Arborvitae (3-4 feet tall) 6 feet apart. (Need appr. 20 evergreens)
(Green Giant Arborvitae has genes from the red cedar which is deer resistant)
Norway Spruce is another possibility and is drought tolerant.
Cut into planting bed and remove grass.
Black mulch.

WATCHUNG SIGN Bed

Transplant 2 Variegated Boxwoods and cut into planting bed .
Continue 3-4 Green Mountain dwarf boxwoods to either side of the word WATCHUNG
Add a Globosa Spruce to each side of bed .
Add 2 Gold Tip Junipers to either side of bed.
Consider planting 6 pink drift roses beneath the word WATCHUNG
Add Black Mulch.