

Traffic and Beautification Commission Minutes
October 21, 2019

Present:

Phyllis Juetter, Chair
Terry DeFillippis
Linda Lauerman
Vonnie Mott
Gail Tafaro

Terry remarked she is concerned about the vines that are choking the evergreens on Texier House property. We will request DPW to remove the vines.

The firemen are concerned with the amount of fallen trees and debris that accumulated between Texier and the realty on the circle. This debris should be cleaned out now to prevent flooding in the spring.

In late May 2019, T&B submitted plans and estimates for the continuation of beautification of Somerset Street and Best Lake and are awaiting status from our liaison, Robert Gibbs and DPW.

Phyllis reported there is an overgrowth of weeds that need to be removed behind the 9-11 memorial. It was suggested to plant tall evergreens behind the memorial.

The possibility of solar lights on the gazebo was discussed.

Terry volunteered to buy mums to replace the dead ones at Borough Hall. Terry will also plant mums at the bottom of Hillcrest plus add additional plants to the barrels at the Blue Star Memorial.

It was decided to change our meetings to evenings so our liaison is able to attend. Phyllis will also request that we be on the agenda for Borough meetings so we may report our beautification efforts and plans to the town, mayor and council.

Blue Star Memorial: T&B and The Garden Club of Watchung are working together to improve the visibility of the site. The garden club has applied for a \$1,000.00 grant from National Garden Clubs, Inc for this purpose. The barrels need to be repositioned as does the memorial rock. This will be discussed with the garden club.

We will discuss when to remove Fall decorations and purchase of new holiday decorations at our next meeting.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2019 at 7:00 behind council chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Vonnie Mott