

TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION

MINUTES

March 14, 2022

ATTENDEES

Phyllis Juetter, Chair
Mary Ann Weber
Vonnie Mott
Sondi Epstein
Gail Tafaro
Catherine Leigh
Kim DiDonato

Minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting approved.

OPERATION PRIDE

Phyllis reported that April 23, 2022 is tentatively the date for Operation Pride. We need to review the shirts and see if we need to order any sizes. We have hand sanitizer and masks. There were vests left over from the Environmental Committee so they will be donated to T&B for use at Operation Pride.

SCARECROW STROLL

Gail reported that she has all of the paperwork ready. We need to get a booklet with dates and requirements and a flyer made up to send out to the schools and groups. Committee thought this can be done at Borough Hall, if not Phyllis could ask Seth. The entries will be on a first come/first serve basis. Kim is going to help her prepare the packets needed to secure the scarecrows and we all said we would assist if she needs more help.

Linda Monetti has indicated that there may not be room for the scarecrows at the Harvest Festival so we are focusing on the Village Square. There are 42 posts on the fence from the street to the top by the lake.

BANNERS

The consensus is to use the wording Watchung Welcomes You and not use the word Wonderful. Phyllis is waiting for Seth to send the final rendition and she will forward to everyone for approval. She will contact Rileigh's for pricing.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL

There are two Boy Scouts who are in need of hours for their Eagle Scout Award. Discussion about treated wood for the outline of the star could be done by the Boy Scouts. The star would be filled in with either white stone or river rock which the Garden Club will pay for. Perhaps the DPW could help with prep work for the star. T and B could plant or supplement the bushes there such as Junipers. A suggestion was made to purchase those flat solar lights for the outline of the star. Flags could be placed at the point of the stars.

SPRATFORD PARK

Christine Ead is looking into who owns the fence between Spratford Park and the gas station. It needs to be at least painted or replaced. If the town owns it, we need to consider planting bushes to hide the fence.

BEST LAKE

There are concerns about drainage at Best Lake and need to take that into consideration before deciding on what trees to plant and where. Phyllis and Christine Ead plan to do a walkaround. Kim brought up the option of lighting the fountains for holiday occasions. Watchung Lake as well. Mary Ann indicated that she believes that an outside vendor is used for the fountains. Something to look into further.

OTHER CONCERNS

Phyllis mentioned that she would like to see the circle around each tree made larger with a build up of mulch. Arthur mentioned that there may be issues with the sprinklers since Hurricane Ida. Need to resolve the issue with the sprinkler before we plant or groom around the trees.

Phyllis reported that the Mountain Boulevard Gazebo is being worked on to bring electricity there. Currently there are solar lights. This will be great for the holidays.

Next meeting is April 11, 2022 7:30 pm. Zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Weber