

TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION

MINUTES

January 30, 2023

ATTENDEES

Phyllis Juetter, Chair
Mary Ann Weber
Terri DeFilipis
Sondi Epstein
Vonnie Mott
Gail Tafaro
Christine Ead, Liaison

Minutes from the December 5, 2022 meeting approved.

REMOVAL OF HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

All decorations have been taken down. Thanks to DPW for their efforts. Decorations are now stored in Texier Garage. We need to go through and discard unused/tired decoration on the third floor and we can leave them there until there is room in the garage.

OPERATION PRIDE

Scheduled for April 22nd and the rain date would be Sunday April 23rd. Mary Ann asked if baseball has determined their date for Opening Day. They have not yet but Christine indicated that the date for Operation Pride is set and baseball is expected to do Opening Day the next weekend.

Need to determine how many shirts we have and how many different sizes we need to order. The vests and grippers are being stored at DPW.

Sondi brought up the subject of how much litter there is around town and the fact that the garbage trucks (she also questioned why there are so many different garbage companies in town) ride through town with open trucks and garbage falls out making even more litter. As discussion went on, it was suggested that we use litter as a theme for Operation Pride Day. It was suggested that we speak to the schools about a poster contest with litter as the theme. Mary Ann will contact the schools. Need to determine where the posters could be displayed.

Vonnie mentioned that the Garden Club uses a blog/information site called Woodsy Owl. She was going to look into securing pamphlets to give out at Operation Pride.

It has also been determined we should have coffee, waters, donuts and perhaps some balloons to make things more festive. It was also suggested that music may attract more volunteers. Would need to see if electricity is available to bring in a boom box of some kind.

MAY PLANTING

The areas for planting in May include Spratford Park, Best Lake Flagpole, 911 Memorial, Borough Hall Grounds, Ends of Medians, Triangle beds. Discussion about the tree of lights area and possibly planting some color there. Christine explained that the tree has grown into the soil and is sprouting new branches. The tree area needs to be nettled and weeds need to be removed and soil turned over before we can plant there. Since this is a large area, suggestions of just doing the outer rim area or planting in groups of three came up. Need to order at least 400 6inch pots of Vinca (Tri-colored pink, white and red). Suggestions were made for Titan Vinca from Malanga's and Gray's florist will have Vinca available as well. Someone suggested mint but it was determined that mint spreads too quickly and becomes overbearing. Budget for flowers: \$2,800. Council is working on a landscape plan for the middle of the triangles and T&B will be consulted and then we can plant flowers around the perimeter.

Terri brought up the Boro Hall gardens and that they are in need of some new plants. Perhaps Mike Galbraith can make some suggestions. Need hearty perennials there that can sustain heat and winter seasons. The electric sign area also needs attention. Suggestions were gold thread cypress, seasonal flowers and Delaware Valley azaleas.

BEST LAKE

Christine reported that there is a plan to extend the sidewalk from the circle to the Best Lake sidewalk. She reported that plans to erect one of the old historic signs at Best Lake is in progress. Phyllis mentioned that she would still like to see Red Cardinal flowers planted along the south side of Best Lake. Christine also mentioned that there is a three phase program in place to upgrade that walkway from Best Lake to Bayberry starting with the extension of the Best Lake sidewalk.

WATCHUNG LAKE

Christine reported that there is also a plan for a new Watchung Lake sign. White with gold inlay lettering. There were some suggestions that a dark green lettering might be a better option.

Next meeting is March 6, 2023 at 7:30 by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Weber