

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
April 18, 2016

The Committee met at Town Hall.

Carole opened the meeting at 6:38 pm.

Members Present: Carole, Tina, Jane, Ted, Nancy, Carol, Gail, Diana, Lucien, and Nick

Members Absent: Jason, Paula, Ryan, Justin and Matt

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the November 2015 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed recent donations she received. Nancy will pick up any donations that were placed in the collection boxes around town.

Election of Officers: Although she will stay active as a member of the Committee, Carole's new duties in Town will be very demanding of her time. Diana and Lucien accepted the position of interim Co-Chairs. Carol and Tina will continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

Old Business:

Jane paid for the bricks that were on the Aranasian Lot. Everyone agreed that \$1.00 per brick was appropriate, based on the research that she did on line.

Nick stated that although Justin and Matt no longer live in town they would like to remain members of the Committee. He also thanked us for the gifts we gave them at the end of the season.

Ryan will update us at the next meeting on her ideas for the project of designing a float for Old Home Day parade on Saturday July 23rd. The theme is "Pittsfield Goes Gold" a reference to the Summer Olympics.

New Business:

Paula was able to get the sponsor donation letters out before she left, (Men of Rotary, Globe, and Bartons). Exit realty will be contacted to see if they will be sponsoring a garden this year. Millican Nurseries and Creative Gardening (Nick) would like to sponsor the Aranasian Lot.

Ted explained that the new sidewalk initiative will require the re-location of the garden on Tilton Hill. He will find out the time schedule so that we may remove the plants and walls. He will speak to Dan Schroth about the stone wall.

Friday, April 22nd is Earth Day (Day of Action). Carole will arrange for the delivery of 3 yards of mulch and ask for 3 high school volunteers to help lay it down on the Washington House Lot. It does not appear the Aranasian Lot needs any right now. Carol, Nancy, and Ted will join Carole to help with the mulch, trim the grasses and look at the other gardens. Carole will email them with a time to meet.

Nick suggested some designs for the Aranasian Lot. He feels that the Coralburst is too big. He suggested we plant 2 Hawthorns instead. Tina gave him a check to purchase the tree. He suggested that granite stepping stones may be an option for a path and that dutch clover and creeping thyme could be used as a ground cover. It was also suggested that a fence be erected on the street side to prevent bicyclist from riding through the garden.

We will be participating again in the Townwide Yard Sale scheduled for June 3rd, 4th and 5th. We will set up at Nancy's House. Diana will post on Craig's List. More information will be available at the next meeting.

The watering schedule will be finalized at the next meeting.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 2nd, at 6:30 pm and will be at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.