

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
June 6, 2016

The Committee met at Town Hall.

Diana opened the meeting at 6:37 pm.

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

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

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the May 2016 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed the results of the yard sale and recent donations she received as well as expenditures. She also let Nick know that she needed an invoice for the trees.

Old Business:

Although we did very well this year, there was a discussion about the yard sale and the lack of traffic. Some thought that the sale should be moved back to Aranosian, but we lose the advantage of setting up the night before. It was also discussed that perhaps we do it the weekend before the Town Wide event, but we lose the advantage of the extra traffic in town. We will discuss further next spring.

The garden in front of Rite Aid was damaged from a car accident. We will get estimates to Diana for repairs to the sponsor sign and landscape ties and she will work with the police. Carole will find out from the State when their signs will be repaired so we know when they will replace them and we can reconstruct.

Because Ryan did not have a chance to work on her float design for Old Home Day parade we decided we would skip this year.

Ted did not get any return calls from Diamond Signs so Carol will take them to a sign place she knows in Northwood.

New Business

Ted feels that the blue stone around the Crescent garden is too difficult to keep clean, he will investigate an alternative. He also spoke about the weeds in the stones at Tilton Hill, Paula has the weed killer for them. Carole said that the sidewalk project will be done but not until late in the year so we do not have to worry about moving the garden any time soon.

Everyone complimented Nick on the perennial presentation at the Aranosian Lot. He presented his idea for finishing it. He thinks black mulch will really make the flowers stand out, and he thinks that a layer of landscape fabric and pea stone will be a better alternative than grass. Carol gave him a flyer to Dirt Doctors and he will get back to us with break down of estimates. Carol told him that there was a pile of sand at Nancy's that could be used to fill in where the benches used to be. Carole brought up her concern about costs and he feels that he can do it within the dollar amount that she thought should be the budget.

Nick will also get a price on putting a redwood at the Washington House Lot to provide shade from the western sun. He will also look into putting a few more plants in that garden. Carol did put Preen over the mulch to stop weeds and did not feel that we had too big an issue.

Frank put time release fertilizer on all the gardens. Carol will apply it to the new garden at Aranosian as well as Preen for weed control. He also gave us a list of bulbs to plant in the fall to maximize spring blooms and color.

There was a discussion concerning the emails last month and the confusion that they caused. It was decided that instead of everyone broadcasting emails we would email Diana and she would send out correspondence to the group.

The watering schedule was made. Carol will water with Pat since this is her first year and if Paula can't make the schedule or needs help she will volunteer to do it.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 11th, at 6:30 pm and will be at the Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.