

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
May 2, 2016

The Committee met at Town Hall.

Diana opened the meeting at 6:38 pm.

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Tina reviewed recent donations she received from sponsors and expenditures. She also received a check from Jane for the Aranorian Lot bricks. Nancy picked up donations from the boxes around town. There was no money in the Town Hall box, Carole suggested we approach Clark's.

Old Business:

Jane paid for the bricks that were on the Aranorian 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 discuss with Carole 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. It was decided that the float should be no bigger than a snowmobile trailer.

Diana stated that because we could not get assistance from students due to a date conflict for our Day of Service mulching of the Washington House Lot, we can call them at another time if we need their help.

Carole will speak to Paul about sponsoring the Tilton Hill garden. We agreed to plant the garden this year, but because of the sidewalk project we may have to disassemble it in late summer. Ted will check with Diamond Signs on getting new sign(s) for Millican's and Creative Gardening for Aranorian Sponsorship as well as re-painting the Women of Rotary Sign for Jitters sponsorship.

Ted has ordered the baskets for the hanging plants for the self watering planters (purple, white and pink). Due to vandalism issues last year, it was agreed that we would place them at the Aranorian Lot. Ted did a great job of putting together designs and costs for the islands. He will order the plants for pick up and planting on the 27th and planting on Saturday the 28th. We should also spread manure the week before. Carol will send out emails with schedules.

Nick brought copies of 2 types of trees he is recommending for Aranorian: Malus sugar tyme and Malus adams. Everyone wanted color, so we made the decision for him to purchase the Malus adams. He will plant them within the next two weeks. He will let Carol know when so she can bring the water barrels.

We will be participating again in the Townwide Yard Sale on June 4th and 5th. We will set up at Nancy's house Friday afternoon (Carol will send a email out with a time as we get closer to the date). Carol will write a letter to the SVS asking for donations (no clothes or heavy items) to be dropped off at Nancy's. Ted has 4 tables and Carol can bring 2 additional tables. Carol and Ted will work on wording and placement of signs. We also asked that everyone contribute baked goods. Ryan did a good job with selling them last year.

Carol agreed to water the week of May 29th, Nancy and Ted will water the week of June 5th. The rest of the watering schedule will be finalized at the next meeting.

We went to the Aranosian Lot for Nick to walk us through his design. He suggested Dutch Clover for the open space and creeping tyme. He suggested that after the yard sale we go to Millican's to go through their catalog to look at the plants from his original design and to also get in touch with Frank about spring bulbs. We agreed the perennial bed should be 15-16ft in circumference and Ted will compute the amount of soil and mulch needed. Carole will let Joe Darrah know that they can keep the Lot mowed while we are working on it. Nick also suggested several more boulders be placed on the perimeter to keep the bicycles out of the garden. Carole said she would contact Joe Darrah about continuing the mowing of the lot.

Since the Town cut down the trees at the Washington House Lot, Nick suggested planting another tree for filtered shade. He suggested a Dawn Redwood, which is fast growing and does not require a lot of maintenance. He said there is one at the Globe near their sign.

Next Meeting and Adjournment:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.