

Pittsfield Beautification Committee
Minutes
June 4, 2018

Diana opened the meeting at 6:34 pm.

Members Present: Carol, Joyce, Carole, Art, Wendy, Nancy, Ted, Tina, Theresa, Pat and Ryan

Members Absent: Jason, Nick, Matt, Paula and Gail

Secretary's Report: May 7, 2018 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Tina gave an accounting of our current funds and the yard sale proceeds. Globe and Exit Realty have sponsored gardens again this year.

Agenda Items:

There was much discussion about the work involved and the small amount collected at the yard sale. It was decided that next year we would hold a spring plant sale instead. Art and Tina will work on finding a grower that will provide the plants.. They will start with the Osbornes who provide our fall mums.

Ted brought up making a donation, in time for graduation, to the High School for plants at the entry way. The cost would be \$640 and they requested about \$400 to \$500 from the PBC. There was much discussion as to who would maintain and water and that it should be part of the school budget. Previous plantings at the elementary school were not maintained. Although we agreed that funding projects would be good, they should be planned out properly with a plan of continued maintenance. The request was not approved.

Carole said we needed to have a plan in place soon for the removal of the plants at the Washington House garden. Joe Darrah will be assisting Nick in transplanting. They hope to begin the foundation in the fall after several public hearings. Ted said he would get in touch with Nick about a plan.

The safe sidewalk project is due to start around June 22nd. Carol will pull out any bulbs that are in the 2 gardens that will be dismantled.

Theresa agreed to house the tri-fold display that Diana kept, for future use.

The July watering schedule was completed. Since we are only watering Crescent and the barrels Carol suggested that we use Ted's jugs. She will pick them up and pass them along after her week. Carole reminded everyone that they also needed to weed the Aranosian and Washington House gardens. Most particularly the outside berms. If there are weeds in the pebbles, Carol will spray with Round Up.

The meeting ended at 7:16 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday July 9th at 6:30 pm.