

**Pittsfield Beautification Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**May 7, 2018**

Diana opened the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**Members Present:** Diana, Carol, Joyce, Carole, Nick, Matt, Nancy, Lucien, Ted, Tina, Paula, Pat, Theresa and Ryan

**Members Absent:** Jason, Wendy, Art, and Gail

**Secretary's Report:** April 2, 2018 minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tina gave an accounting of our current funds. A generous donation was received from Florence Freese.

**Agenda Items:**

The following Officers were elected for 2018: Ted Mitchell, President; Tina Fife, Treasurer; Carol Lambert, Secretary

Diana and Lucien will be moving some distance from Pittsfield so will not be able to continue their service on the Committee. We thank them for their dedication and help over these past years and wish them luck in their new home.

Nick updated the group on his work with Lisa at BCEP he also passed around his landscape design for three locations at the site. The Rotary Club is paying for the project. Our responsibility is design and installation. BCEP will maintain.

Nick also suggested that the plants at the Washington House lot could be relocated to the baseball field once construction begins on the new Historic Society building. There was a general discussion about maintenance of any new gardens. The decision on plants will be left to a later date.

Ted discussed the purchase of potato vines, petunias and black eyed susan's for the small gardens. He will pick up the plants on the 25<sup>th</sup> and we will meet to plant them on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

Nancy said she is ready to take yard sale items. We will set up at her house on Friday night at 6 pm (bring bug spray). Various members will work on Saturday and Sunday. Ted and Carol will put up signs and Carol will publish a letter in the SVS. Ted will bring coffee.

Carol will see about getting an additional yard of stone for Aranosian. Carol also spoke about hiring a landscaping firm in the future to spread mulch, she will research.

A tentative watering schedule was set for June. The 3 barrels and 2 small gardens will have to be watered on a regular basis. Aranosian should be checked occasionally during prolonged dry periods. Carol will send out the schedule this week to confirm with everyone. All gardens should be weeded once a week.

Dan Schroth attended the meeting to thank the Committee for its work and for giving the go ahead for the new Historical Society building.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm. The next meeting is scheduled Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.