

TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION
MINUTES
MAY 29, 2018

Attendance:

Phyllis Juette
Julie Schlotterbach
Mary Ann Weber
Terry Defillipis
Arlene McCoy
Robert Burns
Mike Galbraith

So far we have spent \$3,900 of the funds set aside for trees/plantings on Somerset Street. 6 trees have been planted in the median across from the DPW which are still alive. We need an additional four trees on this median. and four more to the end of the median. Discussion about the fact that the new trees are too close together and the new plantings should be at least **18' to 20'** apart rather than **17'**.

In the median by the DPW, we discussed finishing the median with grasses, 3 purple salvia, 2 mop cypress, and maybe one or two Juniper Casino Gold. Mike Galbraith will look into what is available and get back to us with options. Winter plowing is an issue. The grasses can be cut down for the winter but there is still a worry about heavy snow breaking the bushes. Mike Galbraith also mentioned the timing issue involved. If the weather gets too hot, we would not do the new plantings until fall. If the weather stays cool, we may be able to plant sooner.

Mike also needs to replace a Juniper bush and a **pink hydrangea** by the tax office that was put in last year but has since died.

The sign at the bottom of Hillcrest Road was discussed. Terry did a lot of weeding but the area needs color. Bob Burns suggested that the foliage that is there now should be pulled out. We can plant flowers there.

It was also discussed that the trees on the median across from the police station are still alive but there is a need for at least one more tree and the ends need to be finished with the grasses and plants .

It was also discussed how to keep the weeds down on the medians. Black Mulch was one option but the group after discussion preferred river rock (medium sized). Mike Galbraith would spray the weeds and then lay fabric and the river rock. He suggested that this would be the best way to keep the weeds at a minimum.

He will get some samples of the size rock that would work best.

The median closest to the Rescue Squad does not have water available yet. Since we cannot plant there, after discussion it was decided that we should use Whiskey Barrels 18 to 24". Mike Galbraith would lay the fabric and stone and T&B will purchase the barrels and fill with flowers. Mike suggested filling the bottom with stone and then soil to make them heavier and unmovable. Bob also suggested securing the barrels as well. Mike G. mentioned that the barrels may be better prices through the Amish

community. He works with them on sheds etc. and they are less expensive than other vendors such as Home Depot. He gave us a website of PEUEA.com.

Bob Burns reported that Spratford Park is still not completed. The Borough to fix the sprinkler system and the gas station will reimburse the town. The gas station will fill in the area with certified top soil. Trees will be replaced and the gas station will reimburse the town. Borough will then seed the area.

Bob Burns will take care of plantings on either side of the driveway coming into the parking lot of Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Weber