

TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION MINUTES
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PRESENT:

Phyllis Juetter, Chair
Linda Lauerman
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Discussion about decorations for next year and possible sites for decorations.

Our wreaths are getting quite old and the holiday balls are looking very tired. We either need to buy new wreaths or replace the balls on each.

We are considering placing wreaths or a lighted tree at Spratford Park if there is electricity we can tap into. Bob Burns will be able to advise us on that. If we put lighted trees at Spratford Park, it was discussed to get two trees of different sizes placed next to each other to add more visibility.

A trip to the National Tree Company in Cranford after the holidays may be in order. We may be able to purchase more decorations for 2019 at a discount. Phyllis will call her contact to see if we can arrange a trip there.

There was discussion about the grass around the new trees on the big median. Our understanding was that they were to be mulched. Will check with Bob Burns in spring about further work to be done.

Upcoming events:

Weather permitting we will take down the decorations on January 15.
Operation Pride (usually the week before baseball opening day in April)
Plant a tree at Bayberry with the Junior Garden Club.
May plantings

FUTURE PROJECTS DISCUSSED:

Spratford Park Garden needs to be expanded/enlarged
We need more plants there to be more visible. The wooden fence at Spratford Park needs plants to hide the fence. Phyllis suggested Juniper bushes that will

continue to grow taller. We need to consult with Galbraith as to what is best and about enlarging the area in front of the sign.

Suggestions about the sign at the bottom of Hillcrest Road – Possibly put Stella D’Oro lilies there in the Spring.

Landscaping in front of Boro Hall. There are two areas by the steps to Boro Hall that need attention. It was discussed to put Pyrocanthia (fire thorn bushes) on the left and on the right plant Rhododendrons and Potentilla. Bob Burns should speak to M. Galbraith about what would be appropriate there. Phyllis mentioned that she would like to do something in front of the wall by Mountain Boulevard where there used to be Hosta plants but they have died off or been eaten.

The Watchung signs are in need of attention. They are not very visible and look uncared for. We know that the council has addressed this but no action has been taken. Suggestion of a white background to make the signs more visible.

There are street signs-up on Knollwood, the top of Washington Drive, and Deer Run that are very visible and reflective. Phyllis will write to the council and suggest that the street sign idea be continued on other streets going forward.

The sidewalk path on Valley Road is deteriorating and needs to be replaced. Our understanding is there are no funds available at this time but we will continue to follow-up in the future for this project to be completed.

The median by the Blue Star Marker is in need of plantings and the Garden Club person has not been able to do so. There were suggestions made that we plant one red maple tree possibly Rhododendrons or Azaleas and fill the two barrels that are there. Vonnie mentioned one barrel gets plenty of water but the other does not. There are sprinklers there.

Chris Vander Fliet has a plan set up for plantings along the bank of the lake on the Mountain Boulevard side. We are holding on to it for the future.

Respectfully submitted:

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