

Feb. 6, 2020
Agenda

**TRAFFIC AND BEAUTIFICATION MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2020**

ATTENDEES

**Phyllis Juette
Vonnie Mott
Linda Lauerman
Gail Tafaro
Terry Defilippis
Julie Schlotterbeck
Mary Ann Weber**

- **Bob Burns is retiring as well as Mary Ann Hance. Phyllis mentioned that it would be nice to recognize the retirees with a gift card and plant. Everyone agreed. Mary Ann is attending both dinners and will present the gifts.**
- **For 2020, we would like to consider replacing bushes by Borough Hall and possibly other sites. The question came up would the cost of the bushes be paid for by the Boro or would we have to take the funds from our budget. Need to find that out in order to consider the number of bushes and approval by the council.**
- **The topic of the deer and tree removal was discussed. There was discussion regarding the new tree ordinance that was posted in the newsletter. Our understanding is there is no charge/fee for cutting down a tree now. The group questioned this as being correct. There was discussion regarding a home on Washington Drive that cut down a large number of trees on the property and this was of great concern to committee members. There was discussion that there should still be a fee as much as \$350. It was also discussed about the fact that if the rule is in force that a new tree be planted to replace one cut down, the new tree will never grow if the deer eat it before it can mature. This presents a huge problem.**

Vonnie Mott mentioned that there is a program "Plant trees Across America" which is sponsored by the Garden Club of America Association for 2020. We should look further into this program and perhaps get the Environmental Commission involved.

- **Vonnie Mott also mentioned that the Tree of Remembrance over at Best Lake is dying and is being replaced with a Heritage River Birch. When this is done, need to look into new lighting.**
- **When lighting was discussed, it was also mentioned that the 9-11 memorial is in need of lighting as well. Mary Ann will mention to Seth Alexander about lighting when the sidewalk is installed. The Blue Star Memorial could also use lighting and should be explored.**
- **The Ness property was brought up. The question arose as to whether the County could take over the property so improvements can be made.**

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- **Operation Pride is scheduled for April 25th this year. Opening day of baseball is the 18th and the Easter Egg Hunt is the 11th.**

Will need to order shirts from Deblyn – maybe a bright green this year. We had approximately 65 attendees last year and we believe our shirt supply is depleted. Mary Ann will check upstairs in the Texier House and order shirts accordingly.

- **May planting is scheduled for May 20th and a rain date of May 21st. The Garden Club plant sale will be held on May 9th. Will need to ask the DPW to rototill the ground twice before that date and it has been suggested that Garden soil be added this year to build the beds back up.**

Our next meeting will be in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Weber