

Traffic and Beautification Commission Meeting

December 5, 2022

Present: Phyllis Juetter, Mary Ann Weber, Catherine Leigh, Terry DeFilippis, Gail Trafaro, Vonnice Mott, Councilwoman, Christine Ead, Kim DiDonato via Zoom.

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM by Chair, Phyllis Juetter

Motion made and approved to accept November minutes.

Important: Fill out application to continue as a member of T&B asap. Forms at front desk, Borough Hall.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

There has been a request by a resident to restore original Watchung sign to its former place which was next to the stone pillar located near the corner of Valley Road and entrance to Best Lake parking lot. The sign is being stored in the Texier House basement.

Condition of gazebo on Mountain Blvd was discussed. We were reminded by Mary Ann that Barbara Diem donated the gazebo and we should do repairs to maintain it. All members are in favor of adding lights around the roof, but the cost of an electrical supply is exorbitant.

Catherine proposed we treat the men of DPW to lunch to thank them for their outstanding help throughout the year. We agreed on the menu and Catherine will order, pickup and deliver to the men on Thursday, December 8th at 11:30. Other members will help deliver if available. All members are contributing to the cost, Catherine will let us know how much we owe.

Holiday Decorations:

Terry will purchase 13 new bells that are on sale now for next year.

Removal of decorations is scheduled for January 18, 2023. Meet at Texier House at 10:00. We need to sort all items, make a list of what needs to be replaced after throwing away damaged decorations. Plan to purchase new decorations in November 2023.

2023 projects

Operation Pride

Team Leaders: Mary Ann Weber, Julie Schlotterbeck

Date to be announced.

Advance Work: Check T-shirts. Purchase water and gloves. Grippers from DPW. Prepare list of clean-up locations for volunteers to sign. List must be given to Borough for grant application.

Suggestion: Add something to encourage interest in growing plants for the scouts and children.

May Planting

Team Leaders: Vonnie Mott, Catherine Leigh, Sindy Epstein

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 9:00 (subject to change)

Note: All planting areas on the circle have been leveled, cleared of old shrubbery and topsoil added. Christine Ead said a landscape plan will be drawn up and presented to T&B for these areas. Evergreens in planting beds: Phyllis suggested Gold Thread Cypress surrounded by Plum Yew.

Areas to be planted: Planting beds on the circle, Spratford Park, Borough Hall grounds, Flag pole, 911 Memorial, ends of medians. Plant around the base of the tree of lights if the horse nettle and other weeds are not present. Need to order 400/6" pots of vinca (mixed colors) from Gray's. Vinca should be planted 2 pots per foot. Suggestion for planting on the South side of Best Lake: Red Cardinal flowers.

Medians Somerset Street: Phyllis recommended planting one white fountain grass and 2 junipers on each end of medians. Vonnie suggested the junipers might not live due to lack of space and water in that area.

Budget for flowers: \$2,800.00

Fall Decorating

Team Leaders: Vonnie Mott, Kim DiDonato

Date: October 16th (subject to change)

Purchase mums, pumpkins etc. from Malangas.

Budget for flowers and decorations: \$330.00

Scarecrow Stroll

Team Leaders: Gail Trafaro, Terry Difilippis

Date to be decided.

Gail suggested contestants install their entries on a Saturday at a specified date and time. We would have refreshments such as donuts and cider.

Winter Decorating

Team Leaders: All of us!

Budget: \$1,570.39

Next Meeting: March 6, 2023, 1:00

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45

Respectively Submitted,
Vonnice Mott