

Wilmington Beautification Committee September 24, 2012

Committee Members Present:

Lee Schindel, Mary Wright, Kit Cincotta, Carlotta Gladding, Alice Greenspan, Katy Little, Scott Murphy, Fred Skwirut, Celia Weissman

Committee Members Absent:

Len Chapman, Cheryl Rothman

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Lee.

Minutes

Mary moved to accept the minutes of the September 10 meeting. The motion was seconded by Katy and passed.

Treasurers Report

There was no treasurers report as Celia has not received transaction reports for the operating and capital accounts from the town. Scott advised that they are very busy but he will be sure the reports are provided before the next meeting.

Holiday/Winter Decorations

Alice reported that the subcommittee met and suggest a three prong program for decorating the park and possibly town hall.

1) Autumn – A fall display such as hay bales, corn stalks, etc. in the park. They anticipate that some material will be donated. They hope to have the decorations in place within the next couple of weeks.

Mary advised that the Stroll Committee would like to decorate the park with carved, illuminated pumpkins for Halloween. Arrangements have not been finalized yet but they will coordinate with other activities in the town.

2) Winter – Lights on the pergola. They inspected the lights left from last year and found only five working strands. A discussion regarding incandescent vs LED followed. Alice reported that whiter (rather than bluish) LEDs are now available. She will get an estimate for the number of strands required and estimates for both types.

It was noted that unless snow is cleared from the park, it's virtually unusable in the winter. Scott will follow up with the highway department to see if the town can handle.

The hayracks have not been returned to Town Hall since it was painted. There is a concern about the lack of a vapor barrier between the planters and the building. Scott will follow up.

3) Holiday decorations for Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4th – The subcommittee suggested hanging long bunting type flags on the pergola uprights along Rt 9 as well as other decorations in planters and/or the grass. Fred suggested hanging American flags between the uprights on the pergola. Another suggestion was a flag on the Cady & Dugan building. Fred advised that several individuals have offered to purchase a flag. Of all the suggestions, the most widely agreed upon was a flag on the Cady & Dugan building. Alice will contact the owner to see if they will allow it.

Trash Receptacles

The town has installed and maintains trash receptacles at the tennis court and Buzzy Towne Park. Kit advised that she has a small receptacle which was purchased as part of the River Bank Park construction. Mary advised that the special use barrels purchased last year were lost in the flood. Lee suggested that the Beautification Committee purchase barrels to be used on busy weekends and for special events provided the town will be responsible for emptying them. Scott will follow up.

Landscape Subcommittee

Trebbe/Tennis Courts Scott reported he met with town departments, and they recommended a slight change to the design. The change would reduce the green space between the tennis courts and the stone wall to add several parking spaces. He circulated an amended diagram. The Highway Department will remove the paving and grade the area. He estimates that the work will be done in November so the area will be available for planting in the spring. It is likely that top soil and/or other preparation will be needed before grass can be planted. There was no change to the recommended low maintenance border between the Beaver Street parking and the stone wall. The subcommittee will submit a grant request to the Rotary.

Gateway Celia will set up a meeting to review the current high-level design and explore other options. Mary and Fred would like to attend the next meeting. Katy suggested that the entire committee be notified so anyone who is interested can attend.

Town Manager Update

Scott provided updates during the discussions.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting falls on Columbus Day, October 8. Lee suggested holding the meeting on Tuesday.

Tuesday, October 9 at 8:00 am

Location: Town Hall

Agenda

Treasurers Report

Landscape

Town Manager Update

Please notify Lee of any additional items for the agenda.

There being no further business, Celia moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Katy and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Celia Weissman

Secretary