

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
HELD JUNE 14, 2022**

**PRESENT:** David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Pat Sanders, Amy Graver, Cynde Jasek, Susan McNamara, Ann Freeman

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
  - a. **Minutes-** Pat made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 2022. Cynde seconded the motion and, after due discussion they were unanimously approved.
  - b. **Welcome back renewed members-** the Committee welcomed back David Colley, Cynde Jasek and Ann Freeman to renewed terms.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
  - a. **Correspondence-** none.
  - b. **Status of the Green-** Multiple issues were discussed. The main item was the portable toilets. Susan McNamara and Cynde worked with Gary Zielinski to implement an improvement plan, which was executed between the April and June meetings. The plan was to install two portable units and surround them with vertical lattice work. Shrubs would be planted adjacent to the units to frame them in a decorative fashion. The shrubs are meant to be temporary and will be removed at the end of the season to be planted somewhere else about town. The entire structure is movable and may be removed at the end of the season. Dave had sent all Committee members photos of the completed project for commentary. Dave made a motion to retroactively approve the project, David Colley seconded the motion, and after due discussion it was approved unanimously.
  - c. **Special Projects-** tabled.
  - d. **Planting Plan 2022-** No report.
  - e. **Tree inventory/map/Notable Trees-** the latest version of the inventory and map need to be tweaked. Appropriate officials need to be approached to assist with the tweaking. The Committee suggested certain recommendations for the map. Pat will follow up and report back on same. Regarding the Notable Trees, Dave reached out to Jeff Suraci to see if he can meet us on the Green during the summer to investigate and update the inventory. TBA on that.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Green Use Applications-** a number of applications for various events were presented and discussed as follows: Community Dining Room *Community Dinners* to be served 8 weeks between 7/7-8/23; The Orchard House *Fair/Festival* to be held 8/27; Trinity Episcopal Church *Annual Church Fair* to be held 9/23 & 9/24; Branford Garden Club *Annual Scarecrows on the Green* 10/14-11/1; The United Methodist Church *Abundant Health Fair* to be held 10/23.
  - b. **Reports- i. Garden Club-** Pat reported on the hanging baskets, which are watered by SARAH volunteers and fed by the Garden Club. The witch hazel and Yale tablet were recently cleaned

and trimmed up. Discussion about who is in charge of which gardens on the Green, more on that to come.

ii. **Annual Report**- tabled to next meeting.

c. **Branford Festival**- it was good to see the Festival back for the first time since 2019. The grass looked terrible but it was agreed the Green usually bounces back.

5. **Other- Dave** appealed to the Committee for assistance with cleaning up the False Cypress Garden. **Pat** and **Ann** agreed to step up and work on the issue.

6. **Adjourn**- upon motion by **Cynde** and seconded by **David Colley**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

*The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at 5:30PM*

Respectfully submitted,

David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem