

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD AUGUST 9, 2022**

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes- Cynde** made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 2022. **Pat** seconded the motion and, after due discussion they were unanimously approved.
 - b. **Zoom meetings-** the general consensus was that Zoom meetings, whether for the Committee as a whole or for individual participation, shall not occur unless there are extraordinary circumstances. In-person attendance was felt to be critical to the natural flow of information and communication.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** Multiple issues were discussed: **i.** 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; **ii.** the status of the Main Street renovation project was discussed; **iii.** further discussion and observation of the “clutter” on the Green at the height of the summer and possible solutions.
 - 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-** None.
 - 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- Sue McNamara** made a motion for the *2021-2022 Annual Report* to be approved, seconded by **Pat** and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

iii. **Meeting with Gary Zielinski- Dave** reported on his meeting with **Gary** to discuss various priorities for the Green.

c. **Annual Green Walk- Sue McNamara** agreed to facilitate the Walk for the week of September 26th.

5. **Other- i. 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; **ii.** A suggestion was made that the old Board of Education Building at the corner of Main and Montowese be used as a “rest station” so as to eliminate the need for portable restrooms on the Green; **iii.** another suggestion was that since Hammer Field suited the fife and drum muster perhaps other large events can be held there also; **iv.** discussion of tagging all/certain trees with QR codes for the public to readily identify tree types, status as memorial/donated trees etc.

6. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **David Colley** and seconded by **Pat**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 5:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem