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**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD OCTOBER 8, 2019**

PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Amy Graver, Laura Noe

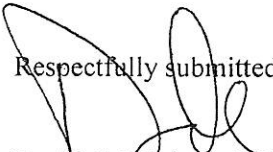
1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes-** Pat moved for the minutes of the September regular meeting be approved with the amendment that the Garden Club will hold a *pie festival* on the Green October 19th, not a *picnic*, said motion with amendment being seconded by **Laura**, and after discussion were unanimously approved.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** none
 - b. **Status of the Green-** the general condition of the Green was discussed; the good health of the Franklin Tree was remarked upon; coordination between the planting plans of Trinity Church and the planting plan for the new generator were discussed; automobiles and trailers had been parked on the Green at recent events, not sure if this had prior approval or if event planners need to be notified and educated concerning this issue; **Dave** noted he saw workmen on the Green aerating and/or fertilizing the lawn after the Book Sale. The Committee was appreciative of the post-event attention being paid to the Green.
 - c. **Memorial Tree donation-** the *Sound* article was discussed. A certificate of thanks was presented to The Klarman Family in recognition of their donation. Their donation check was delivered to the Office of the First Selectman. There was discussion regarding future donations and how to manage and commemorate same.
 - d. **Annual Tree Walk-** minutes of the Walk were distributed and commented upon, and **Pat** was thanked for producing them. **Dave** made a motion for the minutes to be approved as written, which was seconded by **Don**, and after discussion were approved unanimously. Copies of the minutes will be distributed to the First Selectman, Park 'n' Rec, Public Works, *Care of Trees* and David McCarthy.
 - e. **Special Project Status-** *i. post clock-* follow up will continue, and alternative locations were discussed; *ii. No Sign Policy:* such a policy is in the drafting stage; *iii.* having more trees recognized by the *Notable Tree Program* was discussed; *iv.* other matters TBD.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use Applications-** applications were received for Branford Garden Club's *Scarecrows on the Green* event 10/18-11/5/19; the Garden Club's *Fall Apple Pie Festival* 10/19/19; Cub Scout Pack 424's *Trunk or Treat* annual recruitment event 10/19/19; the 2020 *Branford Festival* 6/19-21/2020; and Branford Education Foundation's *Arts & Antiques Show*

9/19/20. Discussion on whether the Town will begin using the new *Green Use Application* and *Guidelines for Use of the Green* we approved in 2018.

- b. **Reports- Pat** reported on the *Scarecrows on the Green* event and the *pie festival* as mentioned above. The Garden Club, and in particular club member Ann Freeman, were instrumental in weeding the False Cypress Garden, and appropriate thanks and recognition will be rendered.
- c. **2019/2020 Priorities-** tabled to next meeting.
- d. **Meeting with David McCarthy-** David could not attend the meeting but in lieu thereof **Dave** discussed his recent informal meeting with David and reported its highlights. A meeting with David and available Committee members will be scheduled in an effort to promote a working relationship between the two.
- e. **Other- Pat** reported that David McCarthy has been/is in the process of updating and upgrading the GIS maps of the Green; consensus on OK'ing removal of the cabled sugar maple tree in front of the Academy; discussion of whether the Committee should have budgetary authority over donations and other funds, whether we should be engaged in fund raising efforts etc. The First Selectman will be approached regarding these items; the proposed new Tree Warden Ordinance was discussed; **Dave** will follow up on the request made at the Green Walk, and as discussed on-site at that time with Cameron Pierce and the First Selectman, to proceed with a replacement of the "Black Hills" White Spruce as the current tree is diseased and in poor shape. The tree is brand new and most likely under warranty so this should be an action item before the warranty lapses.
- f. **Adjourn- David Collie** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Pat**, and there being no discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

The next Green Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th at 5:30PM at the Branford Fire Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem