

**BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD JUNE 9, 2020**

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RECORDS & COMMUNITY RELATIONS

PRESENT: David Minicozzi (*Dave*), David Colley, Bonnie McKirdy, Don Gentile,
Pat Sanders, Cynde Jasek

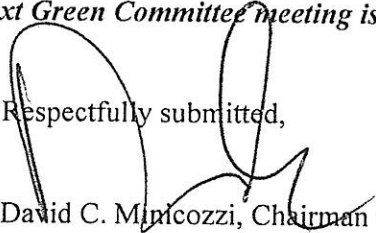
GUESTS: Town Planner Harry Smith and architect Anthony "Tony" Terry

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:34
2. **Parliamentary/Technical:**
 - a. **Minutes-** having reviewed the minutes for the regular meeting of February 11th and special meeting of February 25th **Pat** made a motion to approve same, **David Colley** seconded, and after due discussion they were approved unanimously.
 - b. **Location of Meetings-** it was announced that Park 'n' Rec approved the Committee's application to hold its meetings at the new Community House. The Committee will begin meeting there as soon as conditions permit.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** letters were presented from **Laura Noe** regarding her resignation as "At-Large" Committee member and from **Susan W. Rood** regarding her application to take **Laura's** place.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** the general condition of the Green was discussed. It was remarked that the Green looks refreshingly uncluttered of the stage, portable restrooms and other seasonal hardware.
 - c. **Special Project Status-** tabled.
 - d. **Planting Plan-** the Eastern Redbud (see below) has been planted and we await planting of the rest of the trees that were previously approved.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use Applications-** none.
 - b. **Reports-** **Pat** reported that the *Garden Club* had hung new baskets of flowers from the light poles in the Town Center. She also reported that the *Mae McCabe Garden* will be freshened up.
 - c. **Memorial & Commemorative Tree Program-** **Pat** presented an application for the *Garden Club* to adopt the above referenced Eastern Redbud planted at the corner of South Main Street and Blackstone Avenue. **Dave** made a motion to approve the application, **Cynde** seconded and after due discussion the application was approved unanimously. Appropriate notation will be made on the GIS map to indicate the adoption, and **Pat** said the maps need to be updated in general. In addition a photo op was discussed to obtain press for the Club and for the Committee.

- d. **Priorities 2020-** tabled.
- e. **Guests: Harry Smith** and **Tony Terry** spoke on the topic of the *Trinity Church Planting Plan* and gave a general update on its progress. Today's issue regarded the type of tree to be planted as a replacement for the white birch formerly located in the area of the new ramp adjacent to the Church's side door. The former birch was removed after it was deemed a hazard to the Church and its stained glass windows. The choice today was whether to replace the birch with a dogwood or with another birch. **Dave** made a motion to replace it with a dogwood, **Bonnie** seconded, and after due discussion the motion carried unanimously.
- f. **Other- Gary Zielinski** has taken on the role of *Acting Tree Warden*. **Don** discussed plans for an autumn ribbon cutting to celebrate the planting of the white oak to celebrate *The Academy's 200th* anniversary. **Dave** suggested we have a mini-tree walk during the summer with a *Notable Tree Program* representative to identify additional specimens.
- g. **Adjourn-** upon motion by **Dave** and seconded by **Pat**, after due discussion the motion was approved unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:24PM.

The next Green Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 14th at 5:30PM via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,


David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem