Minutes of the Beautification Committee Meeting held March 9, 2017 at 5:45PM

Present: Maria Hunter, Chairperson; Desiree Potvin, Secretary/Treasurer

Justin Hunter, Joseph Ingenito, Diane Marrone, Martha Nash, Joseph Telesca

Absent: None

Also Present: Robert Anzalone

### **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Motion was offered by Joseph T, seconded by Martha, to accept the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2017. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

### **Budget Update:**

Desiree noted no money has been spent this fiscal year yet.

### On Going Projects:

<u>Street Pole Locations</u> – Maria suggested this be delayed until April due to the weather.

<u>Highland Mills Library Signage</u> - Justin spoke with Printing Plus to begin designing the signage. It was suggested the sign be similar to what the Ambulance Corps erected. He will prepare a conceptual design for the Library Board to comment on.

### **Areas of Focus:**

Animal Shelter – The plan is still to construct a "v" sign that will be visible from both direction on Schunnemunk Road and lit from the ground. Justin would like to upgrade the planters on the fence and do other simple things.

<u>Victory Park</u> – Maria noted that Bobby Blair has long range goals for this area. The lawn is sinking in areas due to collapsing pipes. The monuments need to be raised so that it is all level. The Belgium block needs to be removed and replaced. He hasn't formulated an action plan yet but Maria feels we need to coordinate with him to get the work done. Desiree noted that many of the things he wants to do would be paid for primarily from his budget not necessarily ours. Maria noted she would like to set up an artificial flower display in the gazebo that can be changed seasonally. There is a huge pine tree there that has roots overtaking the grounds. Maria would like the tree removed and a meditation area created. There is concerns about the tree falling causing a liability issue.

<u>Buena Vista</u> – Maria would like to discuss a planting plan at the April meeting. She thanked Joseph T for clearing the area. She thinks perhaps we will ask the Highway Department to dump so woodchips there to be spread out and/or a large rock.

<u>Central Valley Pool</u> – Maria and Justin did some planting at the Buena Vista entrance but since it is all roots it is very difficult.

<u>Town Hall</u> – The Belgium block needs to be replaced around the planting beds. The flower pots also need to be replaced or repaired.

Oak Clove – Justin stated he wants to extend the planting area and get rid of the grass. Perhaps replace with the grass with stone. Maria stated when it gets warmer the pricker bushes can be removed and replaced. It was suggested that a combination lock be used for the water so anyone from the

committee or with permission can use it when needed. Robert A volunteered to be responsible for watering and maintaining Oak Clove.

#### **Board Member Comments:**

Diane asked about the status of Perrone Circle since there are still poinsettias there. Maria stated the Highway Department maintains Perrone Circle.

Joseph T announced the Central Valley Fire Company will be selling Easter plants again this year.

Desiree announced the annual Spring Clean-Up day is scheduled for April 22. Maria suggested we all participate and use that day to clean our target areas.

Justin stated when the weather gets nice the sheds need to be cleaned/organized.

# **Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting will be April 13, 2017 at 5:45PM.

## Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Joseph T, seconded by Martha, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35PM. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Desiree Potvin, Secretary