

Minutes of the Beautification Committee Meeting held January 12, 2017 at 5:45PM

Present: Maria Hunter, Chairperson; Desiree Potvin, Secretary/Treasurer
Justin Hunter, Joseph Ingenito and Diane Marrone,
Absent: Martha Nash, Joseph Telesca,

Appointment of Officers:

Motion was offered by Joseph, seconded by Diane, to appoint Maria Hunter as Chairperson, Justin Hunter as Vice Chairperson and Desiree Potvin as Secretary/Treasurer. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Diane was congratulated on being reappointed by the Town Board.

1. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Joseph, seconded by Diane, to accept the minutes of the meeting held August 11, 2016. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

2. Budget Update:

Desiree submitted a report showing the final expenses for 2016. She noted a request was submitted to reallocate \$16,000 from 2016 to 2017. This money will be used for signage at the Highland Mills Library and possibly the Animal Shelter.

3. Old Business:

Holiday Decorations - A letter was received from a resident thanking the committee for the beautiful decorations that were erected this year. A discussion was then held regarding Facebook and comments that were made about the decorations and religious representation. The consensus of the Committee was to not address the issue and let the Village/Town handle it. Since no official complaint was received by the Committee the issue should not be entertained. Justin stated once he removes all the holiday decorations then the sheds will need to be organized. He will let everyone know when this work will be scheduled to be done. The Highway Department was recognized and thanked for their help in erecting and removing the streetlights from the poles. It was noted that the lights at the Library and Oak Clove have been tripping the GFI. Justin asked if any of us drive by and notice the lights are out to stop and hit the reset buttons.

Police Station Signage - The signage has been installed and is all in working order. The two spot lights are currently with Dan Lux for future use when decided.

Street Pole Locations - Desiree has received correspondence from Orange & Rockland stating they need the street pole numbers in order to have more poles added to our inventory for decorations. This spring we will begin selecting which poles we want to add to the inventory - including more north of Ridge Road.

Highland Mills Library Signage - Justin will work with Library Board member Pat Coogan to determine what type of signage will meet their needs. It will be discussed again at either the February or March meeting.

4. New Business:

Animal Shelter Signage - The plan is to install a double sided sign that will be visible from both directions on Schunnemunk Road. The two spot lights that were formally used to light the Police sign could be used here. A base can also be constructed around the sign for planting of flowers.

Victory Park - Discussion was held about improvements to be done at Victory Park. Many suggestions were discussed: fixing the sink holes, creating a sitting area, improving the gazebo for better visibility/safety, etc. These plans will be discussed in more detail at future meetings.

5. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting will be February 9, 2017 at 5:45PM.

6. Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Maria, seconded by Desiree, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30PM. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously adopted.

Desiree Potvin, Secretary