

Minutes of the Beautification Committee Meeting held on February 6, 2020 at 5:45PM.

Present: Robert Anzalone, Ryan Crosby, Justin Hunter, Maria Hunter, Diane Marrone and Desiree Potvin

Absent: Robert Blair, Martha Nask

Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion was offered by Robert, seconded by Diane, to accept the minutes of the meeting held December 5, 2019. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Budget Update:

The following are the expenses since the last meeting:

- \$134.28 at Home Depot for holiday decor
- \$16,025 to D Lux electric to fix outlets at the Highland Mills Library, repair some street poles and to replaces all the fixtures on all the street poles
- \$44.55 to Jay's Deli for the pizza/soda at the December meeting

Old Business:

New Signage – Desiree noted the invoice from Printing Plus has not been received. Maria will follow up with them.

Storage Container – Desiree noted the new container has been delivered. Maria noted it was not placed in the correct location and Bobby stated Rob (Highway) will assist with moving it to the correct location when ready.

Holiday Lighting – The scenery discussed at the last meeting (for the soccer field at the Rez) will cost a little more than \$16,000. That does not include shipping or the installation of electric for this area. The Committee discussed this at length and decided the investment in this purchase is a good one as it will involve a collaboration with three departments (Parks, Library and Beautification). Motion was then offered by Maria, seconded by Robert, to approve the expense of up to \$25,000 for this entire project – to include the purchase of the display and the installation of electric – contingent on the invoices being dated December 31, 2019 or the Town Board approving the funds being reallocated from 2019 to 2020. All voted in favor of said motion and the motion was unanimously carried.

Sheds at Highway Garage – Rob (Highway) committed to fixing the bases of the sheds and repairing the entrance ramps. Maria or Justin will follow-up with him.

Memorial/Veteran Banners – This is an ongoing project. There is no lighting along Coach Wilson Trail. Alternative ideas were to erect poles with solar lamps or do something at Victory Park. Discussion will continue.

Area of Concentration:

Buena Vista Terrace – Maria stated she spoke to the individual about the still erected “Hudson Valley Welcome Sign” at this location. She was told it was being moved to the rock wall that is nearby. She told them it needs to be removed by mid-March. She also feels that Bobby should be asked to attend the March meeting to discuss plans for the redesign of this area. Once a plan is in place, Desiree

will reach out to the MWCSO Art Department about some type of sculpture/artwork to be displayed at this location.

Courthouse – Maria noted the outside is being worked on.

Highland Mills Library – Maria stated the garden by the book drop is being renovated and replaced with a concrete pad, benches and planters. The two trees along Penie Lane are being removed as they are entwined with power wires and leaning dangerously close to the building when covered with snow and ice. Robert asked if O&R will be helping with this and Maria stated Bobby will be contacting them for assistance.

Board Member Comments:

Robert asked if the arches at Oak Clove will be repaired since they were damaged. He feels that security cameras should also be erected in the area as protection/insurance if there is damage again in the future. Desiree stated she does not believe the Highway Department has plans to repair the arches but she will look into it.

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting is scheduled for 6PM on March 5.

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, a motion was offered by Maria, seconded by Ryan, to adjourn the meeting at 6:40PM. All voted in favor of said motion and was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, Desiree Potvin