

Town of Lloyd

Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2022

Meeting called to order by Darlene Plavchak at 5:00 pm.

Attendees: Darlene Plavchak, Craig Tunks, Pat Fisher, Sharon Hyers, Curt Hyers, Lenny Auchmoody.

**** please note that at the end of the minutes is an addendum. A survey of the Town Clock, flagpole and tree plot areas provides additional information on the size and current condition of the beds discussed in the minutes. ****

- Discussion around weeding and then planting at the base of the Town Clock -which is dedicated as a 9/11 memorial. Lenny noted that the clock is scheduled for repair; group decided that an autumn planting would be best.
- There was a brief discussion about fixing up the planting bed around the flagpole at the corner of Vinyard and Main Street in front of the Methodist Church. The area has some flowers and many weeds.
- Our next topic concerned the bed areas at the base of the tress planted along Vinyard and Main Street. It was noted that some businesses have planted flowers in the beds outside their establishments; other beds are either bare or overgrown with weeds. The feeling is that we should, perhaps, do a unified planting scheme for all the beds. This would require some businesses to remove their plantings. Craig volunteered to discuss this with the business owners at the next scheduled Highland Business Association mtg (scheduled for July 28).
- Moving on, we discussed ideas on how to install flowerpots or troughs in the fountain area – since planting directly into it is not an option. The main concern is that placing pots there would invite unscrupulous individuals to abscond with them. Lenny presented some viable solutions to prevent such theft.
- Craig noted that in Clarkstown, where he used to reside, the town has set aside areas where landscaping companies set up gardening displays to beautify the community. A

small plaque 'advertises' their name and that they installed and maintain the area. Decided that this is an area to review in the future. Lenny did mention that, at present, there are only two major landscaping companies in town.

- Darlene noted that we should begin to plan for installing hanging baskets on our lamp poles for next year. She reviewed information she learned from her discussion with various individuals who are responsible for the New Paltz hanging basket display. Can we work with a local seller to design and create the baskets we would like to see in our Hamlet next season? – for example, Frank Sorbellos Greenhouses?
 - Lenny then demonstrated his idea for making the many pole brackets we would need to hang our baskets. It looked like an ingenious solution and it's FREE!
- Pat noted that we still need to develop a committee Mission Statement. She and Sharon agreed discuss their ideas and develop a draft for our August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 9 at 5:00 pm.

- Curt Hyers, Secretary for the Committee.

Addendum to 7/19/22 Beautification Committee minutes.

I went and did a survey of the different areas we discussed at our meeting... Here are some observations, pictures, and other notes. / Curt

- 1) The Town Clock area is rather large. About 10 feet in from the sidewalk is a 'path' leading to a side door of the building. The area from the 'path' to sidewalk is about 10 x 14 feet. The area has ground cover and a few bushes that someone could tell what they are, but not me.



- 2) The flagpole area is roughly 9 x 8 feet (72 sq ft.) and is mostly weeds with some nice Zinnias at the back of the bed – Major weeding required.



- 3) The bed areas around the trees are 4 x 4 ft plots (16 sq. ft) There are two trees by the entrance to the Brooks and Brooks parking lot across from the clock. They have some flowers in them. There are 12 trees along Vineyard – 5 have fairly nice plantings that are being maintained to varying degrees. The total planting area is 224 sq. ft. minus the tree trunk base areas.

