

Town of Lloyd

Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

August 9, 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.

Darlene distributed our Agenda for tonight's meeting:

- A. Meeting minutes from July 19 meeting reviewed and approved. Darlene noted that meeting minutes will become a Town public record and, as such, should be approved prior to being submitted to our Town Clerk.
- B. Our Mission Statement was prepared by Shari. A copy will be distributed to all members via email after our meeting.
- C. Discussion around our upcoming 2023 budget – our fiscal year is Jan 1 – Dec 31.
 - a. Discussed the need for both hanging basket containers and pole brackets. Darlene had discussions with Peter Ferrante who handles the hanging basket program in New Paltz. One vendor who looks very promising is Garden Gallery Iron Works. (<https://gardengalleryironworks.net>) They can provide both basket containers and pole brackets(\$37.11 ea) and we can also use their costs to figure out our budget request for these items - possibly up to 30 of each item. Apparently, these have lasted 20 years for New Paltz – Group decided to get one of each to evaluate. Darlene will discuss further with Peter. (Another company mentioned was HP Davis Seed co. in Albany) Total discussed to budget for this project was \$3,200.
 - b. Next, we discussed holiday decorations. Darlene reminded everyone that any display should be secular and not religious. Craig put it another way – “stick with the seasons, not holidays.” We had had fun discussing ‘kissing balls’ and snowmen and other wintertime displays.
 - c. We reviewed the current plantings in the Hamlet and what we would like for the future so that we can develop a budget.

- d. As part of our budget discussion we also discussed fundraising. Craig noted that at the monthly Town Business Community Meeting there was a positive response to his suggestion that they assist us with donations and/or assistance in maintaining our plantings. We then revisited Craig's idea of using landscapers and businesses to develop and maintain certain locations around town. Top Seed Landscaping like the idea of 'getting credit' for maintaining beds around town – using appropriate signage for each business that participates.
 - i. We also discussed the idea of setting up a Beautification Committee booth at local functions - as a way of raising both funds and volunteers to assist us...

- D. Weeding – what areas should be weeded and on what schedule?
 - a. The following areas were mentioned – The Lombardi and Biancardi parking lot entrances, the Town Field, “Sals” parking area by Studio 89, the police department area, the memorial Town Clock area on Main St., and the Flagpole Garden.
 - b. Decided on the obvious – we need more volunteers (especially in the brutally hot weather) and any weeding schedule will have to be *Ad Hoc* presently. And- rain would certainly help. Craig noted he did work on the Clock area this past Sunday. (Yay!).

- E. Darlene noted she would like to invite the Events Committee chairman to our September meeting. Our group has lots of ideas on how we can make our Hamlet pretty once summer exits. And hope to coordinate our ideas with what their committee is planning.

- F. Had an enthusiastic discussion around a Christmas Holiday Lighting contest or Seasonal decorating contest.

Darlene adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. Next meeting is September 13 at 5 pm

- *Curt Hyers, Secretary for the Committee.*