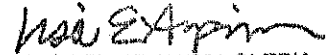


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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD MAY 14th, 2024


BRANFORD TOWN CLERK

PRESENT: David Minicozzi, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders, Susan McNamara, Ann Freeman,
Cindy Wright, Susan Winkel, Joe Cutrona

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
 - a. **Minutes-** the March minutes were presented but tabled until the next meeting.
 - b. **Members-** both **Don's** and **Pat's** terms are up at the end of this month. **Pat** presented a letter asking for a renewal term, and **Don's** will follow shortly
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** None.
 - b. **Status of the Green- Dave** reported on the pollinator garden and the butterfly tent. He was asked if it was ok to extend the garden another "ring" down towards South Main Street.

The general consensus was that the garden is big enough, that we should take a "wait and see" approach, and that no new extensions should be allowed for at least a year. **Dave** made a motion to that effect (no extensions of the pollinator garden for at least 1 year) which was seconded by **Joe**. After discussion the motion carried 5-1 with 2 abstentions.

Regarding the butterfly tent, **Dave** was informed there was a possibility of a trailer being placed on the Green to house the butterflies this year. After vigorous discussion the general consensus was that a trailer or any other new structure was objectionable. Based on this **Dave** made a motion that no structure to house butterflies be allowed on the Green other than the tent which held them last year. **Ann** seconded the motion and after discussion the motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Special Projects- i. STEAP grant and Main Street projects-** no new information available; **ii. Tree Tags & QR Codes-** **Joe** and **Pat** gave a full report on the project. This included a video presentation of what the Green Committee's page on the Town website will look like when the project is finished. ; **iii. Garden Club-** **Ann** reported that the **Mae McCabe Garden** will be re-done with a concentration on being pollinator friendly. A bench will remain as part of the Garden.
 - d. **Arbor Day-** The three new sycamores in back of Town Hall were dedicated to the memory of **Dr. David Colley**. Those who attended the ceremony agreed it was well done and much appreciated by the Colley Family.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use applications-** None.
 - b. **Tree planting plan, donations etc.-** the Levesch Family tree donation was discussed. It was decided a tupelo/gum would be an appropriate donation. The preferred location would be at

the corner of Main Street and Town Hall Drive where a tree was recently removed. **Dave** made a motion to approve the donation, **Sue Winkel** seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Garden Club-** **Ann** reported that the Club's annual plant sale would be held this coming Saturday. Any leftover plants will be donated to the pollinator garden. **Nardella's Turf Care** will be employed to weed and mulch the **Winnifred Judge Garden**.

5. **Other-** None.

6. **Adjourn-** **Dave** moved for an adjournment, **Sue Winkel** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem