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BRANFORD GREEN COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2023

PRESENT: David Minicozzi, David Colley, Don Gentile, Pat Sanders Cynde Jasek, Ann Freeman
GUEST: Public Works Director Gary Zielinski

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:31PM
2. **Parliamentary-**
 - a. **Minutes-** Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 2022, David seconded it and after discussion they were approved unanimously.
 - b. **Quorum-** Dave discussed his concerns regarding the ability to achieve a quorum for the meetings. Roberts Rules do not mandate that a majority of a body be present, and instead allow the body to devise whatever it is they deem appropriate. Currently a Green Committee quorum consists of 5 members. Dave made a motion to reduce that number to 4, and David seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was withdrawn, seeing as it caused concern among some of the members. There were assertions that attendance would become more steadfast, and the matter was resolved amicably.
3. **Updates & Old Business:**
 - a. **Correspondence-** None.
 - b. **Status of the Green-** the Jersey barriers which are stabilizing the new Christmas tree will be removed soon; salt on the grass will also be cleaned up
 - c. **Special Projects-** the QR Code Project was discussed. There was concern that there not sufficient Committee members at the meeting where the plan was approved. Therefore, there ensued further discussion. Dave then made a motion to re-approve the project, Ann seconded, and after discussion the plan was re-approved unanimously.
 - d. **Meetings with Jamie Cosgrove and Gary Zielinski-** Dave discussed details of meetings he had with Jamie and Gary regarding various Green-related topics.
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Green Use applications-** tabled.
 - b. **Guest: Gary Zielinski-** various topics were discussed, among which were
 - i. **Tree plantings-** possible planting of American sycamores and an Eastern red cedar in back of Town Hall. An on-site inspection will be held to determine placement of same.
 - ii. **Community Message Board-** it was agreed the time has come to replace the sign. Specifications and details TBD.
 - iii. **Pollinator Garden-** Gary and "Craig the Butterfly Man" made a presentation of a proposed pollinator garden to be installed adjacent to the Baptist Church prior to Memorial Day. The biggest issue was the scope and size of the garden. There were concerns that a larger garden would make the Green look cluttered, and that perhaps

it was best to plant a smaller garden and wait to see its progress. Two proposed plans were presented: the "*Red Plan*" is smaller in scope and encompassed the area between Main Street and the sidewalk running diagonally along the side of the Church and from Main Street to Blackstone Avenue. The "*Blue Plan*" was larger in scope took up most of the area to the side of the Church including both the parcels on either side of the aforementioned sidewalk. **Dave** made a motion to approve the concept of a pollinator garden, subject to an on-site inspection, the motion was seconded by **Cynde** and after discussion was unanimously approved.

- c. **Arbor Day**- our annual Arbor Day celebration will be held April 22nd, time and place TBD.
- d. **Reports**- **Pat** discussed continuing work on the GIS map of the Green.
- 5. **Other**- a proposed donation of a white spruce tree was determined to be better suited to a non-Green location. **Salvatore Annunziato** of Love Tribe Center made a presentation asking to donate \$500.00 to plant a white oak tree in memory of **Henry Bromley**. **Dave** made a motion to approve the donation, **Cynde** seconded and after discussion the motion was approved unanimously.
- 6. **Adjourn**- **Dave** moved for an adjournment, **Don** seconded and after discussion the motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45PM

The next Green Committee regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Community House, room TBA.

Respectfully submitted,

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David C. Minicozzi, Chairman and Secretary Pro Tem