

Broad Street Park Committee
Minutes – Supplemental Meeting July 02, 2013

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The meeting was called to order by Al Yagovane

Attendance

Committee Members: Al Yagovane, Sandy Cass, Bill Wilkin, Mike Horbal, and Tom Lavranchuk.
Town Parks Department: Bill Paecht.

Landscaping Plan

Al has requested and received proposals from several landscapers and more proposals are expected. No decision will be made until all proposals are in and can be reviewed. Parameters will be grasses and perennials with low maintenance. Any planting in the circle must accommodate the Christmas Tree in the center. Shrubs will be avoided and trees kept to a minimum. Al reported that a charter oak saplings was available from Ansonia. The committee agreed that an oak would be too large for the park so it will not be accepted.

Al wanted to purchase 10 yards of mulch to put in the circle to control weeds until final plantings. Bill Paecht suggested that a better price may be available by taking advantage of bulk purchasing agreement through the park district.

Engraved Brick Order

The 2nd brick order has been placed and the invoice paid. A July 11ship is expected. Tom will take delivery and store them until we are ready to install them in the walkway.

Brick Placement

Mike presented for discussion 3 possible brick arrangements with “bricks for Vets” evenly spaced in the circle and other bricks evenly spaced in the outer walkway. Since new brick orders continue to be accepted the final count is undetermined. It was agreed that future vet bricks would go in the connecting walkways. The non-vet bricks will go in with an alternating pattern so that future bricks can fill in the gaps. Initial spacing will allow for 100 bricks, with potential room for 200 bricks when all gaps are filled.

Signage Options/Volunteer Recognition

Bill Paecht reported that the Parks Commission would like to recognize all park volunteers with an engraved metal sign that would stand up over time. This will be done at Park Commission expense. This will free up space in the Kiosk for other postings. It was noted that the refurbished kiosk looks great. The Parks Commission would like to see the glass doors reinstalled.

Dedication Ceremony

It was agreed that the dedication ceremony does not have to be on the target completion date of August 18. It is not unreasonable to schedule the ceremony a month or two after work is completed.

It is essential to draw up a short list of “must be there” guests and then pick a date when they can all be there.

Al pointed out that the Connecticut Hurricanes are available August 18, but not a later date since they would disburse to return to various schools.

It was also agreed that hosting a buffet lunch for all volunteers prior to the ceremony could be done provided that it was not funded through brick sales.

President Kennedy Anniverary

Al reported that a donor would like to place an engraved stone memorial to Pres. Kennedy in the park because the park opening would closely coincide with the 50th anniversary of his assination. The committee rejected the idea as inappropriate. It was also noted that this question should probably go to the Parks Commission rather than to our committee.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bill Wilkin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill".