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Friends of Broad Street Park Committee
August 1, 2016 – 6:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room - Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Al Yagovane, Mike Horbal, Bill Wilkin, Wendy Rossi, Beverly Kennedy,

Members Not Present: Tom Lavranchuk, Sandy Cass

The meeting was called to order by Al Yagovane at 6:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Comments from the Public

None

Minutes from Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the July meeting were read. Mike Horbal moved to revise the minutes to include the following: "Al Yagovane requested one addition. Under Future Expenses the following should be included: "The committee discussed and approved paying a \$15 surcharge to Bricks-R-Us for placing a less than minimum order". Wendy Rossi moved that we accept the minutes as revised. Second by Bill Wilkin. Motion Carried 5 yes, 0 no

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Cass was not present to give a report. Al reported that there were no transactions since last month's meeting. The current balance remains \$6,876.61.

Al will submit for payment one invoice for \$428 for flowers, leaving \$6448.61 available.

One new brick order has been received, along with a check for \$150. The check has not yet been deposited.

Future Expenses

The river bank needs to be cleared of small trees, poison ivy, sumac, and other brush. Al will request quotes from several landscapers.

Report on Parks Board Meeting

Al received an e-mail from the Parks Board notifying him that the board rejected our request to purchase a replacement Dogwood Tree and to process the next brick order. No reason was given in the e-mail. Mike Horbal was at the Parks Board meeting. He reported that the issue was with the procedures being followed rather than with the substance of the requests.

In response, three steps were agreed to. 1) Al will resubmit the Dogwood request. 2) Wendy will prepare a new brick order to include the new brick order just received as well as those on the previously rejected order. 3) In order to improve communication with the Park Board, Al or his delegate will attend future Park Board meetings.

Matthies Foundation Grant

Grants have not yet been announced. We are still hoping for a grant to repaint the gazebo. Al did request a copy of the Falcioni bid but it could not be located.

Park Cleanup

Al reported that there is a need to clarify our duties before scheduling the lamp cleaning. He was verbally told that we are only authorized to plant flowers.

The "Geese Problem" was discussed. Mike reported that Kevin Cox of Prestege Landscaping did apply repellant and did work for 2-3 weeks. To really solve the problem it must be applied on a regular schedule. The repellant costs \$280/gal and will cover 2 acres/gal after mixing with water.

There was some discussion of requesting funding to establish a regular schedule. No action was taken.

Brick Placement Map

Mike brought a draft copy of the updated Brick Placement Map and asked for feedback on font size and layout. The font size has to be large enough to read, resulting in a relatively large printout. It was agreed that what he presented was the best option.

Electrical Work

Al met with Ryan of Grand Light and asked him to order replacement bulbs for the ground light fixtures.

We also met with Bill Jarvis and asked him for a quote to separate the lamp post lights and the lamp post outlets into two independent circuits, and to lower the light fixture hanging in the gazebo to make it easier to clean.

Thank You Sign

Mike again questioned if the volunteer list was complete and what criteria was used to be included on the list. Al stated that he believed the list was complete as far as he could make it. The criteria was a minimum of 4 to 8 hours of work. The list does not include anyone on community service. Mike asked if included people who donated money rather than labor. We agreed that substantial money donations should be acknowledged. This will include the Peel family and the Mathies Foundation. Mike asked if it should also include Carl Miller who donated about \$850 over the past several years. Al said that the money from Carl Miller did not go to park construction expenses. It went to event expenses such as Veterans Day ceremonies and Christmas Tree Lighting.

After some discussion it was suggested that the thank you sign should only have a general thank you to all who volunteered. Each member will bring suggested wording to the next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Beverly, Second: Wendy. Carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Respectfully Submitted:

