

Palmer Arboretum Minutes June 13, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 6:05

1. Attendance: Philippa Paquette, Nancy Adams, Bill Brower, Jean Rocheleau
Absent excused: Andy Krofina, Chad Hart Guest: Tony Reed
Motion to add Tony and his update on the Historical Society sign to the agenda as item 3 (Paquette/Brower) all in favor
2. Tony brought diagrams of the new Historical Society Sign which will be made of plastic and will measure 34x16 inches. This would leave 8 inches for the Palmer Arboretum sign or possibly 12 inches if the previously attached additional sign was made to fit the 8 inch space. The Historical Society signage cannot be completed until our sign has been approved by the Historic District. Bruce Kohl has almost completed the restoration of our sign and Tony will pick it up from Bruce and deliver to Bill. The Historic District Committee meets during the last week of each month and Bill will check on the date and present the sign to the Committee for approval.
3. Treasurer's Report: The Regular Account :\$1885.47 . Mitch has mowed x4 last month and charged \$220. He plans to mow x4 in June . This money must be spent before the end of June or returned to the Town. Ben Young has said that he thinks he will have completed installing the new stone bridge and repairing the patio and this would use all these funds. If he cannot complete the work he will accept a deposit payment that will cover the cost and use up the funds. The Rotary Club has definitely committed \$3,500 towards the cost of the materials and labor to replace the long bridge. Bill will attend their luncheon meeting next week and provide them with the history of the Arboretum and the importance and design of the bridge. The Woodstock Recreation Committee has voted to provide \$3,000 to complete the project. If there is any money unspent on the project it will be returned to the Recreation Committee. Both donors will be recognized in a plaque.
Friends of the Arboretum Fund : \$3,527.39
4. a) Work hours for the last month were recorded. 66 volunteer hours in May. The tour by Woodstock 3rd graders was very well received by the teachers and should be a permanent part of their community tour.
b) Bartlett treated the purple beech for beetles and canker and Chad treated the yews. Jeff Paige has not sprayed for gypsy moth yet.
c) Weeding is a huge priority, especially in the bed to the right of the entrance and the day lily bed. The remaining mulch in the driveway can be spread around the tree peonies. The hosta bed has some gaps and Linda will pick up \$100 worth of labelled hostas. The money will come from the Friends Fund. She will also buy flowers and soil to plant the two planters for the bench terrace. Linda is going to start some cardinal flower seeds that hopefully can be transplanted into the swamp area. The committee agreed that weeding help is necessary and Philippa will contact the ecology and environmental teachers at WA to see if there are students interested in the work.: Ten hours of work at \$15/hour.
d) Arboretum Art Awards Jean reported that Prescott Powers seemed concerned and unclear about what to do with the art work from this competition. Philippa will contact him and make sure they are exhibited in the Town Hall. Next year the plan is to combine english and art classes in a cross departmental project where writers and artists address the same element of the arboretum. Philippa will meet with teachers in the art department and english department in the fall to develop this project.
e) Wedding plans June 21: Jean has tried to contact Stephanie about her final wedding plans but her telephone answering box is always full. Jean tried during this meeting and was able to leave a message for Stephanie asking her to get in touch. Jean will contact Philippa and Nancy when she hears from Stephanie so that we can focus on preparing the chosen area of the Arboretum.
f) Panu dedication June 22. Tree is planted and Chad has the plaque.

“ There was once a path through the woods” it will be explored and hopefully reopened!

g) Wednesday 26, 10:00 and Saturday 29, 9:30 are future work days

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 (Rocheleau/Brower) all in favor. Next meeting July 11th at 6:00