



West Deptford Township Beautification Committee
March 16, 2017
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair, Ms. Nancy Miller, opened the meeting with the open public meetings notice. "Adequate notice of this meeting has been given by notifying the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post, posting the meeting date on the official bulletin board of the Township Municipal Building, and filing written notice with the Township Clerk".

2. Attendance/Roll Call

Sandi Rost, on behalf of Lee Ann DeHart completed Roll Call. The following were in attendance: Nancy Miller, Christina Hutchinson, Joanne Kintzing, Rick Nichols, Matt Moore, Christina Hutchinson, Sharon Robinson, Nancy Barna and Megan Kerr. Mayor DiCarlo and Sandi Rost, Zoning Officer were also in attendance.

3. Approval of February 16, 2017 Minutes

Motion made by Rick Nichols, seconded by Nancy Barna to approve the February 16, 2017 minutes with amendment. Motion was approved by the entire Committee.

4. Welcome to West Deptford Sign

The sign design for exit ramp #21 off of 295 was discussed. Joanne Kintzing discussed possible designs and it was determined that either a 5X8 or 5X10 sign would be best suited. Sandi Rost, Zoning Officer discussed the existing signs being in the State of New Jersey DOT Right of Way. If approved, the purchasing process through Barbara Lamplugh, Purchasing Agent must be followed. Permission will need to be obtained from the DOT including designs/sizes. Lee Ann will make contact with the DOT to understand the process, and supply examples of the sign.

5. Photo Contest

Since the last meeting additional submissions were received and after a group discussion it was determined the entries would be placed in the calendar to raise community awareness. Nancy Miller will forward photographs and content to Tyler Rost.

6. Adopt an Island

Nancy Miller sent the proposed letters via email which were discussed amongst the group. It was determined a few amendments should be made to the letter and the inclusion of the schematic. In the interest of time, Nancy will revise the letter and send via email. Committeewoman Kerr will discuss with the Township Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. The landscaper list was distributed and reviewed by the group and additional landscapers were added. The list should be cross referenced with the Township's business list as not to exclude local businesses. Matt Moore and Rick Nichols provided an update regarding the pricing of the boulders from local business Rock Products. The group was in agreement with utilizing the boulder, which does not require any zoning approvals, along with the fact that it's a one-time up front cost and signage in plexi-glass can be changed with minimal expense. Mayor DiCarlo suggested the group should coordination their work with the landscaping being done in the RiverWinds area.

7. RiverWinds Clean Up

Due to impending inclement weather March 18, 2017 the dates for the RiverWinds cleanup were changed to March 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM with the mulch date being changed to April 1, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The event will be advertised via Township email blasts (News and Notes), and signage at RiverWinds. Christina will make contact with Belynda regarding utilizing sign up genius to coordinate coverage to ensure a successful event.

8. Park Improvements

As discussed last meeting West Deptford Park is the priority area. The group discussed holding a clean-up/mulching day to clean up the two playground areas and paint the bathrooms. Joanne Kintzing will reach out to the President of the Soccer Association to organize a clean-up day with the teams volunteering. Some possible dates were discussed and possible coordination with Earth Day was suggested. Joanne will report to the group on this matter. Crescent Avenue Park will be considered for later in the year.

9. Community Garden

Nancy Miller discussed the steps to initiate a community garden. This will need to be a well thought out planned process if we are to be successful in creating one next year. She researched other towns who have successful community gardens and suggested contact be made to research the steps for implementation. Mayor DiCarlo will contact a neighboring Administrator who for two summers has run a successful program. Nancy Barna will reach out to the contacts in other towns as well for the project.

10. New Business

Nancy Miller discussed the possible coordination with the Environmental Commission for their Earth Day Cleanup and seedling distribution. Nancy will attend the Environmental Commission meeting next week to discuss possible collaboration and group clean-up efforts.

11. Public Comment

No one from the public was present to address the Board, the public portion was closed.

12. Adjourn

Christina Hutchinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt Moore seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next meeting on April 20, 2017 @ 7:00 PM. at RiverWinds Community Center.

Submitted by Lee Ann DeHart, RMC