

TRUMBULL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MINUTES – March 22, 2011

PRESENT: Doug Carey, Sharon Altieri, Laura Ponzio, Liz Nugent, Patricia Pavia, Mildred Krisak

The meeting of the Trumbull Beautification Commission was called to order at 6:57 p.m. by D. Carey. Attendance was noted and a quorum was had.

READING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting were discussed. P. Pavia motioned that the minutes of the February 22, 2011 meeting be accepted as presented. M. Krisak seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The Financial Report was reviewed. There is about \$4,100.00 in the general account and about \$2,539.00 in the Vietnam Memorial Fund.

RAMP UPDATE: M. Krisak noted that the ramp spot at the intersection of Chestnut Hill and Madison Avenue has been cleaned up. D. Carey said that he was contacted by a real estate agent from Coldwell Banker about sponsoring the spot at Chestnut Hill and Madison Avenue. The person interested wants their name on the sign, which the Commission usually does not allow, along with the name of the business he works for. P. Pavia noted that the money to support the ramp would come directly from the employee, not the business. She also noted that it would be good advertising for the employee and the company.

L. Nugent felt that allowing the person's name on the sign would open up the opportunity for any town resident to sponsor a spot. D. Carey said it may be a good way to draw more interest in sponsoring a spot.

P. Pavia suggested placing the business name on the sign above the employee's name. D. Carey suggested putting the employee's name first because he would be the sponsoring the ramp. S. Altieri suggested putting the business name and employee's names on the sign in the same sized font.

A vote was taken on whether to allow the employee's name on the sign. It passed unanimously.

L. Nugent noted that the signs placed at The Ganim Law Firm ramp, located at Exit 48 off CT-15, is different from the signs placed at other ramp spots throughout town. The spot is run by the state, so the Commission has no control over it. P. Pavia mentioned talking to the state about the size and design of the sign because it is not consistent with the rest of the signs on other plots.

M. Krisak knows someone who is interested in possibly sponsoring a ramp. She will speak with them about it for the next meeting.

D. Carey handed out brochures for the Adopt-A-Spot program that can be given to potential sponsors.

BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The Ferreras of 18 Brittany Avenue have been nominated for an Award for the work they did on their home. D. Miller has prepared the award.

TIDY UP TRUMBULL: Beautification Commission will clean up the commuter's lot on White Plains Road by CT-15 again. L. Nugent suggested doing it a day other than the day scheduled, April 9, due to conflicting schedules. It was decided the Commission will clean the lot on April 16th at 9 a.m. instead.

EARTH DAY: D. Carey said that CVS will convert the Commission's Earth Day video to DVD for \$25.00. He will make copies of them for the Elementary Schools to use.

TREE SEEDLINGS: D. Carey hasn't heard from the state about seedlings or planters yet. M. Krasak suggested that the Commission may be able to plant a tree on Arbor Day and P. Pavia suggested the Commission can hold a seedling give away the same day. L. Nugent suggested the first week of May, specifically May 7th, would be a good time to hold a giveaway for Mother's Day. She also suggested holding the giveaway at the Agri-Science Center. D. Carey said that it might be seen as competition for the student's plant sale and suggested choosing another day and location. April 30th outside the Trumbull Library from 9 a.m. to noon was suggested instead.

D. Carey asked if the Commission would be willing to pay the state for seedlings or not. L. Nugent, P. Pavia, and L. Ponzio feel the Commission would have to sell them to keep from losing too much money. L. Nugent suggested selling the seedlings for \$1.00 each.

S. Altieri suggested contacting the Arbor Day Foundation about getting some flowering seedlings and D. Carey said he would contact the state first to see what they say. S. Altieri offered to get the advertising done for the giveaway if the Commission is able to hold it.

It was decided that if the Commission can get the seedlings for free, they should be sold for \$1.00 each to raise money and encourage the residents to plant them. It was agreed that while Dogwoods would be the Commission's first choice, they would accept any type of tree.

NEW MEMBERSHIP: M. Krasik has joined the Commission and Jeamarie Montabana is waiting to be appointed. There are still two open positions to be filled.

LEAF BAGS: S. Altieri found a website, toolboxsupply.com, that sells five packs of printable leaf bags for \$2.22. It was suggested that the bags could have the Commission's name and logo printed on it and given away to town residents for free. S. Altieri suggested speaking to First Selectman Timothy Herbst about the idea. P. Pavia suggested finding a co-sponsor for the project to help cover the cost.

D. Carey suggested putting together some material to present to T. Herbst before mid-April. He also said he would type a letter for T. Herbst. L. Ponzio said she would ask the Trumbull Women's Group about giving a small donation for the project. A limit of one pack of five bags per household was agreed upon.

WOMEN IN THE MILITARY MEMORIAL: M. Krasak suggested the Commission could look into creating a memorial to recognize local women who have served in the military throughout history. L. Nugent suggested the Mallet Fund may be interested in working on it and it was suggested that money for the Vietnam War Memorial could be used as well. It was pointed out that the funds allocated in the Vietnam Memorial Fund can only be used for the upkeep of that memorial.

P. Pavia suggested that the memorial could be placed at the intersection of Old Churchill Road and Churchill Road and she thinks the idea could get interest from other town groups as well.

A statue was suggested for the memorial. L. Nugent suggested using a statue of Clara Barton or a statue of a woman from World War II. L. Ponzio suggested adding items to the statute to memorialize the different branches of the military and jobs that the women performed. D. Carey suggested that instead of a statue, a tree could be planted at the center of the memorial and plaques listing historical information about the women and wars could be placed around it. It was also suggested that the plaques could have etchings on them, depicting women in the military throughout history. D. Carey said the Trumbull Parks Department may agree to maintain the spot.

It was suggested that the Commission contact the VFW, Federal Government, and other organizations to see if grants or financial assistance could be obtained. D. Carey suggested seeing if the spot would be available first before looking into anything else. P. Pavia and M. Krasik will speak with T. Herbst about the location for the memorial.

TRUMBULL DAYLILES: M. Krasik suggested moving the Trumbull Daylilies that are planted at the Town Hall mailbox because they are not getting enough sunlight where they are. It was suggested that Commission members could care for the plants at home until another location was found or that the plants could be moved immediately to another spot.

P. Pavia motioned that the meeting be adjourned. L. Nugent seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Lusebrink, Clerk