

Litchfield Beautification Commission  
Minutes May 19, 2017 2:00pm,  
Litchfield Community Center  
In attendance: Anna Heys, Betty Eisenhaure,  
Margy Miner, Cindy Swope Absent: Ruth Erickson

Minutes from the March 31, 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Anna reported a balance of \$2,956.48 in Jeanne's memorial fund.  
The plaque with her name has been ordered and will cost \$850.

Anna discussed her meeting with Len Fasano and Chris Korn who does landscaping for the schools. Chris thought the plantings in the island done by the Garden Club were "trash collectors" and would be killed by salt. After the meeting, Anna researched the plantings and determined they were all salt resistant.

The landscaping for the two islands needs to go out for bid.  
Len independently did a planting proposal based on the conversation with Chris, but the Commission felt that for bidding, instructions should be more general and not include specific plants. Instead, they should request that landscaping should be complementary of the existing island, but with the addition that some spring bulbs should be included for color.

Maintenance of the islands was discussed and the Commission felt it would be best if someone local did it. Cindy Birkins was suggested. Anna will meet with people at Town Hall to see what are the requirements to hire someone as an hourly contractor.

Because the islands are bare, it was suggested that flags be put on them. Cindy will purchase 12 for each island and put them in place for Memorial Day.

The Beautification Commission has a balance of \$1,616.65.

The Commission looked at the trash containers selected by the Recycling Commission. They were a heavy composite stone with

removable plastic tops. Cost for two was \$550 + \$265.50 for shipping. The Beautification has enough money to purchase three containers, with placement at the Post Office, Murphy's and the Information Booth on the Green. Public Works will empty the containers. The Historic Commission needs to approve.

Anna received an email from Vicky Sansing relinquishing the care of the traffic island done by the Litchfield Garden Club to the Beautification Commission. The Garden Club does not want to ever do any maintenance.

The pansies in front of Town Hall are doing well. Summer planting was postponed until June 3. Members will meet at Litchfield Hills at 10 a.m. to select flowers.