

LORDSHIP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
Annual Meeting Agenda
July 17, 2024

Board Attendees: Susan Birge ,Hans Drenkard, John Florian, Jane Scofield, Jim Warren

Committee Chair Attendees: Christine Griffin, Karen Kochiss

Approximately 30 neighbors

Call to order 7:00 PM

Jim will introduce Board of Governors and Committee Chairs and asked for approval of the Board of Governors slate. The slate was overwhelmingly approved

Approval of Minutes from 2023 Meeting

Hans Drenkard

Hans presented meeting minutes from the previous year, which was approved overwhelmingly

Treasurers Report

Susan Birge

Susan presented the financial summary and proposed budget

Question about consultant and fence extension. Fence deferred to New Business

Report approved overwhelmingly

Environment and Education Report

Christine Griffin:

- Project Greensweep had a very good turnout. The town provided bags, gloves, grabbers and trucks for refuse pickup
- Any Stratford resident can request a tree from the town. There are supply chain challenges,
- Pollinator Pathway trial garden needs help weeding and bringing up rocks.
- Wood Chips suppress invasives and ticks. We are hoping to get more volunteers next spring.
- We are working with Kelly Kerrigan. Creating a long-range plan for the nature trail area They are creating a program for us in coordinating with the state.
- Rain barrels have been supplied for three years. Thank you to Joe Gresko.
- We are looking to the Bridgeport Aquaculture School and bee lectures.

Beautification Report

Karen Kochiss:

- Thank you to all garden captains and supporting volunteers and the membership.
- Thank you to residents for caring for their own properties and clover.
- Committee inventoried Lordship's trees. The town inventory agreed closely with the committee's inventory. The town will be funding tree replacements in the fall. They consider overhead and underground utilities into the tree replacement.
- We will be looking for residents to adopt trees (signup sheets)
- Daffodils, (the town flower) on the bluffs are deteriorating and we are looking to restore them. We will define borders to keep the daffodils from being moved.
- Abbie volunteered to create expanded daffodil fields. She has researched other towns' mowing. She has laid out two curved patches. Boundary flags have been procured.
- Town is planning to invest \$300,000 in trees for Lordship.

Burgess Report –

Jane Scofield:

- There are three bluffs events this year
 - Confirmation class had only seven participants
 - 100th Anniversary was a super turnout: 300 attendees
 - Memorial Service at foot of Margherita at the end of August
- Only one inquiry for 2025 has been unresponsive to call back.
- Triangle park at seawall was named for Don Sammis for his service as town manager, Roosevelt Forest and Longbrook Park acquisitions.

Communication –

John Florian:

- Thank you for calendar support
 - Mello Monkey
 - Del Mare Pizza
- This year, the calendar theme is “Lordship in Bloom”. Plenty of photos have been submitted. Advertising spaces are all sold. The calendar is in the design phase.
- 651 site session on the website
- 350 FB members
- 128 Newsblog subscribers
- Read “Lordship, The Early Years” on the website

Old Business:

- Snow fencing funds have been earmarked and we are trying to get scout help for their erection.
- Golf Carts are not permitted on the bluffs. We are planning to close them off to prevent further damage.
- The town is going to address Waynes Walk; which we are monitoring.
- There will be a police officer at Wayne’s Walk

Open Forum

- A long term “Strategic Planning Process” was suggested, but the suggester declined to head up the effort
- Janet presented Homegrown National Park to encourage putting gardens on the map. Possibly do a townwide presentation
- Alanna asked about sand piles at the end of Washington Parkway. They are pobably trying to clen out culverts
- Question about profane graffiti, contact the town.

Closing Comments - Jim Warren

Adjournment 8:09