

## **Minutes of May Meeting Greenlawn Civic Association**

Date: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Location: Harborfields Public Library

### Officer Reports:

Dick provided updates on his involvement in the civilian police program. The executive board is grateful to all the GCA members and the community for their help with Earth Day. Special thank you to Jane Evancie, who chaired the Earth Day committee.

### New Business:

- A. Sarah Curtis updated the group on the Mt Sinai (Simone Development) project. They are consolidating multiple sites into the new space, which will occupy approximately 80,000 square feet. The building will be set up in “neighborhoods” for an easier patient experience. Simone Development is continuing to work with the GCA and community on making the site more attractive and encouraging patronage of the local businesses.
- B. Legislator Spencer generously stopped by at the conclusion of the meeting after his own community forum wrapped up. He let the group know that mid-road signage at crosswalks is coming and was very complimentary to the GCA and its membership for our active involvement in the community. He also updated the group on the status of Tilden Farm (between Wyckoff St. and Tilden Ln.); it must remain a green space and can never be developed on.

### Committee Reports:

- A. Beautification – train station landscaping update (see FB page); May 24<sup>th</sup> hanging baskets, need volunteers to help; June 3<sup>rd</sup> summer flowers; plants at Greenlawn sign donated by Old Fields
- B. Outreach – received thank you from USS Michael Murphy and they were very grateful for the cards; Unity Day updates and info can be found on the committee’s FB group, please join! Search GCA Outreach on Facebook.
- C. Events/Fundraising - \$1100 raised from Sip and Stroll; Ladies Night July 6<sup>th</sup>; Ducks Game July 16<sup>th</sup>; Grants update: Walter and Dick came up with 17 spots for lights on Broadway and state is giving us \$50k to use as leverage for \$50k from County; asking Senator Marcellino for next year; GCA Wiffleball Tournament is June 17 – sign up available on the website
- D. Preservation - working with Guy Lieber from Simone Development on landscaping, walkway; helping with various playgrounds and area parks; Memorial Park monument is being cleaned up and then there is a Phase II for moving some of the landscape
- E. Traffic and Safety – Harborfields School District is applying for BOCES grant to get speed signs for Taylor Avenue; Crosswalk safety, speeding signs, etc. are good issues to bring up with Commissioner Sini (need more officers for enforcement); some

suggest speed bumps but they can cause problems with ambulances and fire trucks; community member Marge Acosta pointed out that the crosswalk just north of train tracks is very difficult to see

- F. Business – Laura David of First National Bank of Long Island has kindly agreed to co-chair the committee with Kevin Smith. Greenlawn Civic Business Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, June 21 at 11am in Laura's bank office's lower level conference room.

### Community Participation

Several residents spoke up about concerns with unsafe driving on area roads, particularly side streets.

A resident questioned the traffic patterns that will arise with new Mt. Sinai building.

(Note: a traffic study was completed and reported on to the GCA last year regarding this and it was determined that there will be minimal impact on the area.)

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