

**Village of Williamsville**  
*Beautification Committee*

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 14, 2024**

**Village Hall, 5565 Main St.**

Present: Melissa Warner, Linda Anscombe, Michele Pagliaroli, Joyce Haskell, Myra Lenz, Edie Malizia, Elise Fila, Lori Schonrank, Livleen Gill, Ramona Schickling, Sharon Daniels, Sally White, Marcia Roth, Joanne Miechowski, Deb Habes, Trustee Jeff Hahn

**GARDEN REPORTS - Captains' reports; garden needs & deeds**

- **Heritage Garden of 1812** (Main at Evans) – Melissa & Lori – No new info re painting of park bench. Planter pots will be planted and placed on either side of the new bench. Request has been sent to DPW for filling in of the basin making it into a flower bed. No action yet. Landscape fabric was laid down by members along the east and west sides of the garden to try to lessen the impact of the nasty tree suckers and weeds in those areas. Still waiting for DPW to mulch entire garden. Theme of red/white/blue for garden accents this year. Melissa painted Pat's Schwinn bike white and is planning to donate red geraniums for the bike basket and place it at the southeast corner of the triangle. Lori and Melissa plan to plant the southeast and southwest corners at Main Street with new perennials. Including yarrow, daisies, blue salvia. Water is not turned on yet at this garden. Linda plans to donate special flowers to the garden to be planted at Main Street side. Donated slate stones will be imbedded by members in front of the park bench to create a stepping pad. New garden sign is in. Melissa will install the flexible hose. A planting blitz is planned for May 15 at 9:00am. Myra is refreshing the Pat's Petals sign for the bike.
- **Pocket Park Mural Garden** (5565 Main St.) - Deb and Marcia – Bronze statue of "Girl Watering the Garden" is awaiting installation. Plans include purchase of solar spotlights for the various statues and trellises. For the Zen Garden Bed, instead of purchasing a new cement bench, we will ask DPW to re-locate the existing cement garden bench from 1812 to the Mural Garden's Zen bed. a pagoda-style garden sculpture at the base of it; placement of small landscape stones at the base as well. New plantings this year include more perennials such as hollyhocks, asters, poppies, various climbers, sunflowers, ground covers, etc., and seeds will be sown for cosmos, zinnias, etc. No word from DPW about new wooden custom-built large trellis for library wall. Moon Gate trellis at base will be finished off with small landscape stones/bedding plants and purple clematis vines.
- **Memory Garden (in Garrison Park)** Myra and Ramona – Ramona reported she continues to work on plans for this summer's "Peter Rabbit" garden vignette as well as prepping for Peter Rabbit event to be held July 20 in the garden. The garden needs some more pollinator plants to fill in a bit. She noted the garden has been mulched and is looking beautiful. She added a painted turtle (thank you, Myra), and a stone pathway thru the garden. Ramona passed around a signup sheet for members to join in the planning of this event. They will meet May 17 at Ramona's house and report back to the committee.

**SPEAKER JUNE 19** - Edie has secured our public speaker from Master Gardeners: Carol Ann Harlos will be speaking on June 19 at 7:00pm at the Meeting House. Topic: Pollinators and pollinator-friendly gardening. Free and open to the public. BC friend Erin Habes has offered to create the flier/poster for the event. Deb will work with the Village Clerk's Office to get copies made and we will distribute and post to our social media as well as the Village's site. Connect with the library, Amherst Bee and Clayton's. Refreshments, set up, take-down, etc. will be manned by members. Edie will introduce Carol Ann.

**Donation of "Blocher Homes 1904" Cornerstone to Heritage Garden of 1812** – No further info.

**Committee volunteer signs at each garden** – "Welcome to ...." signs are installed in each garden and look fantastic.

**Next Garden Cleanup date:** Mural Garden, May 18 at 10:00am. One hour blitz. (A potential new member may attend)

**Planting/cleanup blitzes will be announced as the season progresses. Season-long watering/weeding schedule will be forthcoming.**

**BEAUTIFICATION REQUESTS FOR DPW: Annual water turn-on at all gardens.**

**Pocket Park**

- Touch-up/Re-paint the iron patio tables and chairs. Place Adirondack chairs.
- Build a wooden trellis for existing climbing hydrangea and other climber against library west-facing wall and repositioning the climbing hydrangea away from the brick wall by about a foot.
- Re-locate small cement garden bench from 1812 and place in front of the steeple bell trellis.

**Heritage Garden of 1812 (at Main and Evans)**

- Besides regular mulching of garden beds, add a THICK Layer of mulch/compost for suppression of weeds, health of plants and safety of volunteer gardeners. Also, thick layer north from basin edges and around the garden perimeter
- Fill in the quarry stone basin with planting soil to create a raised bed for perennials so we can remove the barrel planter pots and plant Spring bulbs, catmint and any other chosen perennials directly into the new garden bed.

**Memory Garden (Garrison Park)**

- Remove garden beds under the 2 wooden park signs and seed for ease of DPW maintenance.

**Regular meeting schedule for 2024 season (in addition to regular weeding, watering, planting, or special events):**

Second Tuesday of each month Feb. – May. **Next regular meeting: September 10, at 1:00pm, Village Hall, 5565 Main St.**

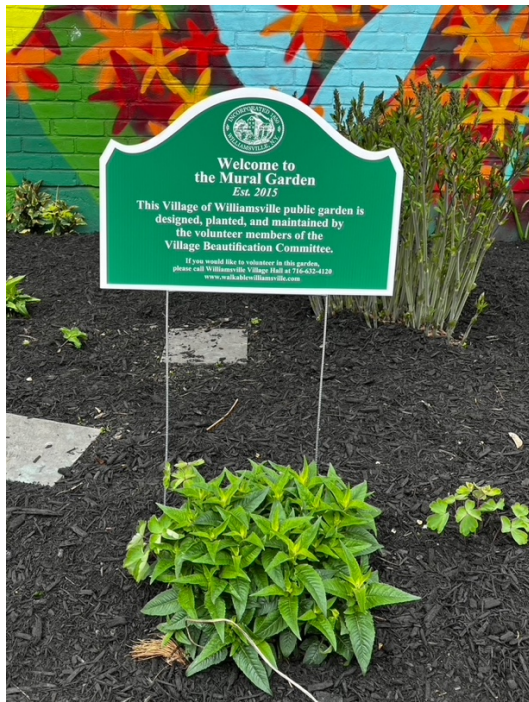
Adjourned at 2:30pm.

Submitted by: *Deb Habes, Committee Chair*

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*New Garden Welcome signs - 2024*