

**Village of Williamsville  
Beautification Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 14, 2023, at 1:00pm , at Village Hall, 5565 Main St.**

Present: Sally White, Melissa Warner, Dian Lewin, Ramona Schickling, Joanne Miechowski, Elise Fila, Deb Habes, Livleen Gill, Liaison to Village Board Trustee Mary Lowther

**BEAUTIFICATION** - Deb Habes

**Garden Priorities: Status**

- Mural Plaque - wording, design and purchase of plaque for Mural Wall – Melissa and Deb are working on this with Crown Trophy
- Garden Name Signage – Garden Name signage: Heritage Garden of 1812 and Pocket Park's Mural Garden – Deb will work with Ben V. on securing small boulders to affix metal signage
- Safety vests for all members – Deb will request Admin to order 20 lightweight yellow vests for members from Amazon.
- Garden art for the Pocket Park's Mural Garden – Deb is working on this.
- New Trellis Garden to be created along library brick wall to locate climbers/roses/climbing hydrangea – Deb is working on sourcing a sturdy metal trellis for brick wall.

**BEAUTIFICATION REQUESTS FOR DPW – (BLACK MULCH ON ALL 3 GARDENS) and the following:**

**Pocket Park**

- Creation of Trellis Garden - Re-locate all rose bushes to the west side of the garden on library wall.
- Re-paint the iron patio tables and chairs.
- Add found boulders for more landscape interest
- Installation of cast metal mural plaque on brick mural wall once plaque is completed
- Sinking into concrete of any iron garden art/trellis purchase(s)
- Installation of garden boulders with attached cast metal Garden Name plaques in 1812 and Mural Garden
- Installation of metal garden trellis(es) with spacers to library wall once purchased (once permission is rec'd from TOA for attachment)

**Memory Garden**

- Touchup paint on iron Memory Garden sign – Resident Paul Krieter has been granted permission by the Village Administrator to repaint this metal sign once the weather allows this season.

**Heritage Garden of 1812**

- Removal of the perimeter material (cobblestones) and replacement with a non-permeable material OR THICK Layer of mulch on entire perimeter and north point from basin north. This will remove a hazard to volunteers as the existing crushed stone/cobblestones in these areas cause an extreme hazard to walking on top of.
- Fill in the stone basin with planting soil to create a raised bed for planting with perennials. This will remove a safety hazard to volunteers as the existing crushed stones inside the basin cause a hazard to walking on top of.
- Replacement tree with a species as chosen as best by Ben and Tree Board

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

- Heritage Garden of 1812 – Melissa – Follow thru with DPW on mulch, raised basin bed, removal or covering of all cobblestones with thick mulch. Regular garden maintenance. Melissa added metal tulip garden stakes to the barrel planters to add a touch of spring.
- Pocket Park Mural Garden – Deb discussed wall plaque, trellises, added perennials and some annuals.
- Memory Garden – Ramona thanked Myra and crew for the Penguin Trio. They will be stored inside the storage cage in the pavilion til next year. Next up Ramona plans on the May Pole at end of April into May. Only regular maintenance is required. Looking good.
- Top o' the Glen Garden – (mulch to be requested thru GPJB) Dian and Elise – No new plantings anticipated. Just maintenance. Discussion of possibility of having an artist paint the new bench with a floral theme, similar to the newly painted benches surrounding the pavilion. Deb will approach GPJB for more info and permission to pursue. Artist who painted the other benches: @emmabakterhaart

**\*NEW event for 2023! Village Garden Scavenger Hunt** – Joanne raised the idea and volunteered to do some preliminary research. She will contact Youth & Rec for advice and ideas on how to plan it. August dates to be determined. This would fit in with our mission to educate the public on pollinator-friendly gardening, the work we do in our public gardens, and introduce the public to our public gardens. Fun, family-oriented outdoor event.

### **Donations In Memorium**

Garden Walk Williamsville received 2 checks as donations in memory of Village resident Susan J. Siepierski, who passed away in December 2022. At the request of her family, donations could be made to GWW. We thank the Siepierski family for their generous gesture since they said that GWW was always a favorite event for their mother. A total of \$180 was received. Discussions will continue on possible uses for these donations to honor Ms. Siepierski. We have been given permission to use these donations to purchase a paver for the Glen park Memorial Pathway by the Administrator. It was decided to pursue the purchase of an inscribed paver for \$200 (large paver cost) with the remainder to be paid by personal donations from those Beautification members who wish to donate. We will send letters to the donors and the Siepierski family of our intention.

Beautification member Pat Earing – Discussion was had on ways for our members to memorialize Pat. Perhaps the purchase of a memorial paver in the Glen Park pathway? There are discussions also with a group of Pat's friends who wish to make a donation to the gardens in honor of Pat. Discussions with them will continue. Joanne M. will be a contact.

### **GARDEN WALK 2023 – July 15<sup>th</sup> & July 16<sup>th</sup> - Dian**

- Chairs-in-training and sub-committee chairs needed for different aspects leading up to, during, and after event.
- We can accept donations for GWW but will not solicit any.
- Brief brain-storming discussion of ideas for any special recognition for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Still working on this.
- Email invitation/registration to be sent to all past garden hosts the beginning of April
- Coordination of publicity, poster, map, etc. Will do a legal-size paper and tri-fold passport. Printing to be done in-house.
- Contact Amherst Bee for necessary articles to be placed in the Bee.
- Village website – Get our GWW registration up online once it is ready.
- Dian and Deb are stepping down from leadership of this event after this year's GWW'23.

### **Season Calendar of Major Events *Mark your calendars!***

***(This is in addition to weekly garden maintenance)***

**April 20 (rain date 21)** – Spring Garden Cleanup Day at Heritage Garden of 1812. 10am-Noon

**April 25 (rain date 26)** – Spring Garden Cleanup Day at Memory Garden & Pocket Park. 10am-Noon

**June 4** – PLANTING DAY in Pocket Park, 10am-Noon

**July 15 & 16** – Garden Walk Williamsville

**July 19** – Private Twilight Garden Tour (only for GWW workers/garden hosts). 6pm-9pm

**August (Date TBD)** – Village Public Gardens Scavenger Hunt

**August 22 (tentative date)** – Beautification/GWW Garden Party at Garrison Park Gazebo

**October 21(rain date 22)** – Fall bulb planting and garden cleanup. 10am-Noon

**December 12** – Dutch Treat Holiday Lunch @ Eagle House. Noon.

**Next meeting: April 11, 1:00pm – 3:00pm, Conference Room at Village Hall, 5565 Main St.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deb Habes, Chairman