



# BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

## Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2009

7:30 PM

WILLIAMSVILLE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Trustees Brian Kulpa and Basil Piazza, Chairman Marcia Roth, Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Dona Bronkie

**Absent:** Mary Celso, Richard Doll, Lettie Dory, Deborah Draman, Edie Flaherty, Paul Krieter, April LoTempio, Chris Richthammer, Wendy Schutte, Elizabeth Shabala, Bob Sweeney, Pam Voyer, Linda Wutz, Shawn Michel, Richard Doll, Kathryn Nikisch, Elise Fila

The Beautification meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Marcia Roth.

***NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 6:30pm***

### New Business:

**NOTE:** This meeting was preceded by a joint meeting of the Parks Committee, Tree Board and Beautification Committee, which was lead by Nick Roth, Chairman of the Tree Board. Its purpose was to seek out members' opinions about the possibility of merging or collaborating with each other, cross-committee lines, for the greater good of all. Also present were Trustee Liaisons Brian Geary (Parks and Tree Board), Basil Piazza (EAC and Beautification) and Brian Kulpa (Glen Park Jt. Bd., Meeting House and Beautification). There was discussion on the pros and cons of merging or collaboration. It was decided that collaboration was more amenable to the groups gathered, and so each committee/board will have a representative attend a joint quarterly meeting so that all 3 groups can share their plans and upcoming activities with each other with the goal of increased communication and cooperation between these 3 groups of dedicated volunteers. Nick Roth offered to write up a summary of the joint meeting and send it to Deb Habes for email distribution to all parties.

### Old Business:

**1. Spring Speaker** – We have feelers out to the Master Gardeners of Cornell Coop. Ext. Bureau and Sally Cunningham to line up a speaker for April 25<sup>th</sup>, Earth/Arbor Day celebration in the Village. We would like to host a garden speaker/workshop at the Meeting House that day at 1:30pm. Deb H. has reserved the Meeting House for that date. There was discussion of collaboration with the Meeting House Committee who would help us set up the space and distribute information about the event. Brian Kulpa indicated he had already spoken with that committee and they were very interested. Basil Piazza offered to contact Lynn Schwab of the Farmers Market and see if she would be interested in getting involved in some way to integrate the arrival of the upcoming season of the Farmers Market perhaps outside on the lawn of the Meeting House that day. This all fits in with the collaborative spirit of committees working together. Brian Kulpa will speak to the WBA for their involvement with possible linking of event to Village businesses and restaurants to create a destination for visitors and to support the Main Street business community (i.e. restaurants, Mischler's, Maureen's, Ten Thousand Villages, Ed Young's, Village Artisans, Pitt Petri, etc.). We will also set up a table designed to attract new members not only to our committee but all Village committees. Volunteers will be needed to man the Meeting House speaker/workshop, the table, etc. Contact Deb to volunteer.

2. **Village Hall Front Entrance Paver Project** – Ed Dore Landscaping still needs to return one the snow melts to mulch the bed under the sign, add stepping stones under the sign and add edging strips around the two trees. We will ask him to give us a price on an evergreen to screen the mechanicals at the front door.

3. **DPW** -- A meeting will be scheduled with the DPW Crew Chief, Deb and Basil to line up a calendar of dates for garden prep/watering/maintenance jobs relating to the 2009 planting season, so everyone is on the same page.

\*\*\*Since Chair Marcia Roth announced that she will be unavailable Feb., March and April, we need someone to step up and fill in for her while she is gone. Come on....you will have lots of help and guidance!!! Go for it!! Contact Deb at [dhabes@village.williamsville.ny.us](mailto:dhabes@village.williamsville.ny.us).

*"But each spring...a gardening instinct, sure as the sap rising in the trees, stirs within us. We look about and decide to tame another little bit of ground." -- Lewis Gantt*

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm  
Minutes submitted by D. Habes