



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

Present: Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Shawn Michel, Elise Fila, Trustee Kulpa, Trustee Piazza
Absent: Kathryn Nikisch, April LoTempio, Paul Krieter, Kim Weber, Dona Bronkie

Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

Topics of discussion:

Gardens/Hanging Baskets 2010

The plant order has been approved by Trustees Kulpa and Piazza and sent to Lockwood's Greenhouses on 2/10.

Discussion of DPW Help with the Garden Prep

A draft schedule of proposed DPW Garden Prep was discussed and modified. Basil will discuss the proposed schedule with DPW Crew Chief.

Garden Sponsorship

- Will ask Paul Krieter to pursue garden sponsorship from Village businesses/organizations.
- Forest Stream Garden Club had indicated end of last season that they were interested in continuing their sponsorship and maintenance of The Meeting House garden. A letter must be sent to them to initiate it.
- A few of us met at Glen Park Tavern in January for dinner and to present a framed garden photo/plaque to the Grenauers in appreciation of their continued support of the work of our committee. It has reportedly been spotted proudly hanging on the rear wall of the restaurant.

South Long Street Park Gazebo Garden Suggested

If Parks committee is interested, it was suggested that since they will be installing a gazebo at this park, a perennial garden bed be created that would circle the gazebo. This could be done while excavating equipment was on site at time of installation of gazebo. Further discussion with Parks Committee is welcomed.

Holiday Evergreen Tree

In response to the minutes of the Tree Board's meeting of 2/16/10, Beautification members in attendance respectfully recommend that the 2 flowering cherry trees on front lawn of Village Hall remain in their present location and not be relocated. If an evergreen tree is to be planted for holiday decorating purposes, it was suggested that it might be planted in the

garden bed at the foot of the Island Park Bridge, just inside Island Park, since that is where holiday bonfire and singing event occurs. Beautification Committee welcomes discussion with the Tree Board on this topic.

****UPDATE - 3/11/10** – Deb happened to discuss the above with Brian Geary on 3/10. Brian called 3/11 to say that he spoke to Tom Draves, Village Arborist, who recommends that due to disease, these 2 flowering cherry trees be removed, preferably this year. He is suggesting replacing both of them with an “exotic” evergreen that is disease resistant, salt tolerant and slow growing with a max. height of 12’. Brian G. will be discussing it further with the Tree Board at their next meeting and let us know of any updates. He will also discuss further with Basil and Brian Kulpa.

Miscellaneous

- Ask Brian Geary about correct fertilizer/quantity for use on hanging baskets
- Brian Kulpa will have one of his interns create a poster for the Big Dig
- Order organic cornmeal weed controller/fungicide
- Recommend that broken notice board be removed from Island Park bridge garden

Mark your calendars

- **Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 6:30PM** – Meet in Island Park for Spring Garden Walk Around if weather permits. If not, we’ll meet inside Village Hall.

- **Saturday, April 24th, 2pm** – Meet in Island Park for Spring Garden Walk Around and Cleanup. Bring your rakes, gloves, clippers and boots!

- **Saturday, May 22nd, 9am** – Meet at the Triangle Garden – The Big Dig. Bring your friends and neighbors to help us plant the Village’s gardens.

- **Saturday, June 26, 10am – 4pm** - Village of Williamsville Garden Walk

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Deb Habes

*In the spring,
at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.*

- Margaret Atwood