



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2010

Present: Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Elise Fila, Dona Bronkie, Trustee Piazza

Absent: Kathryn Nikisch, April LoTempio, Paul Krieter, Kim Weber, Shawn Michel, Marcia Roth

Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

### Topics of discussion:

#### Gardens/Hanging Baskets 2010

Subsequent to last night's meeting, Brian Geary contacted Deb re correct fertilizers to be used this season.....

#### **Brian Geary has offered to:**

1. Follow thru with Lockwood's suggestion of using Plantex water soluble fertilizer for the hanging baskets and will procure the materials for us from BFG Garden Supply in Lancaster and work with DPW in the correct dosing and application.
2. Procure the correct fertilizer (Osmocote – For flowering annuals Slow Release Fertilizer) for the bedding gardens thru Russell's Tree Farm) [NOTE: Milorganite is best for the healthy greening of perennials]

#### Discussion of DPW Help with the Garden Prep

Deb has given copies of the DPW Garden Prep Schedule to Lynda Juul, Basil, Brian K. and Paul McMEnamin of DPW.

#### Garden Sponsorship

Jan Marino of Forest Stream Garden Club has indicated her group is again interested in continuing their sponsorship, planting and maintenance of The Meeting House Garden. Deb will send her a letter confirming that with the info re planting day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### South Long Street Park Gazebo

It was decided that due to our small membership and already having a large number of gardens to tend, we will defer any plantings at S. Long Park to other committees and/or entities and wish them well in their endeavors.

Garrison Park Gazebo Garden - The overgrown yew bushes were pulled and the DPW will restore the lawn. Brian G. reports that there are some suggestions to turn this bed into a deer – resistant, maintenance free garden bed. If interested, speak to Brian G. about this. Beautification will continue to tend the perennials that we have planted there for now. If and when deer-resistant

bushes are planted there, the perennials will be pulled and stored elsewhere until new locations are found for them in other village gardens.

**Triangle Garden** – Mary Lowther sent Deb some info re the bi-national Peace Garden Project to commemorate the War of 1812. The triangle Garden was suggested as a good example due to its proximity to Garrison Rd. and the history behind it. Deb will get more info.

### **Miscellaneous**

1. **Tulip Bulb Donation** – K. Weber has tulip bulbs at her house. It was decided that we will ask Kim to hold the bulbs until fall at which time committee members will plant them under the Village Hall Message sign on the front lawn and also under the 2 cherry trees.
2. **DPW is storing the 3 plastic pots and the wooden flower box** that go on the pavers in front of Village Hall. Those items need to be retrieved before planting day on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope DPW will apply weed killer to these pavers.
3. **Hanging Baskets**– Extension chains must be spray painted black before they go up.
4. **Triangle Garden** – Basil will look into the possibility of solar energy to power strings of LED lights on the crab apple tree in the center of the garden at the holidays.

## Mark your calendars

- **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am** – Meet at the Triangle to weed. Then off to Village Hall to weed and rake. Bring your tools.
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  - **Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am** – Meet at the Triangle Garden – The Big Dig. Bring your friends and neighbors and tools to help us plant the Village's gardens.
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- **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*