



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2010

*“A garden is never so good  
as it will be next year.”  
Thomas Cooper*

Present: Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Elise Fila, Dona Bronkie, Shawn Michel, Marcia Roth, Trustee  
Kulpa

Absent: Paul Krieter, Trustee Piazza

Meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m.

#### Topics of discussion:

##### A. Hanging Baskets 2010

**1. Plant Condition:** Plants looked beautiful until end of July when they started to die. It was decided that the extreme heat of this summer could be to blame, along with insufficient fertilization. DPW will remove the baskets from the light poles before August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Basket watering schedule:** DPW waters 5 x per week. Baskets were fertilized with Osmocote granular fertilizer upon delivery of the baskets, before they were hung, and at least once during the season. DPW states they cannot use liquid fertilizer (water-soluble Plantex was recommended by Lockwood's Greenhouses) because it would plug up the hose mechanism on the truck they use to water. Committee will do research on the problem of maintaining/watering/fertilizing the baskets.

**3. Storage of baskets/chains/liners:** Baskets/chains/liners must be stored properly this year to prevent damage and protect Village's investment. Committee members would like to visit the DPW yard and speak to Ken Kostowniak about proper storage. Deb will arrange with him a good time to do this. Committee will write up an annual list of procedures to follow for watering, fertilizing, storage, etc. once our research is complete and share it with the liaisons and Ken for their input.

##### B. Garden Sponsorship

Forest Stream Garden Club sent us their \$100 donation for the meeting House Garden. Glen Park Tavern also sent us their \$500 donation for the Triangle Garden. Receipts and thank you letters were sent. The garden sponsor signs were installed.

##### C. Fall Plantings at Village Hall

Marcia Roth will go to Mischler's and buy icicle pansies and purple kale to replace the petunias in the 4 pots at Village Hall's front patio and the wooden flower boxes on the brick half wall. Cost will be around \$100. These will last into October, when we will pull them for the season.

**D. End of Season Plant Pull -Saturday, Sept. 18, 9am – Meet at Triangle**

All members to meet at Triangle to pull the annuals and clean up all the gardens. Trash bags will be available. Filled bags will be left at each garden for DPW to pick up on following Monday morning. Bring gloves, rakes, friends, family, etc.

**E. Miscellaneous**

**1. Broken notice board at entrance to Island Park** – Committee requests its removal from that location or that it be fixed so it is usable. Trustee Geary has expressed interest in relocating it to perhaps S. Long Park. Trustee Kulpa will speak to Brian Geary regarding this.

**2. Trimming of Bushes**

The bushes at Village Hall, Meeting House, Garrison Park and Island Park need trimming. Who does this? Fall is a good time to trim bushes. Deb will look into it.

## Mark your calendars

- **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** – Meet at Garrison Park Gazebo
- **Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> , 9am** – Meet at the Triangle to pull plants and clean up gardens for winter.

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