



## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2011

*“iPlant, therefore I am.” - Paula Hinz*

Present: Catherine Zimmerman, Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Shawn Michel, Paula Hinz, Paul Krieter, Elise Fila, Marcia Roth, Trustee Geary

Absent: Dona Bronkie, Trustee Piazza

Met at 6:30 in Garrison Park Gazebo

#### Discussion of plant choices for 2012

It was decided to continue the introduction of perennials into the gardens to reduce the need for annual plant costs. This will be done by means of splitting existing clumps of perennials from other gardens and re-locating them to Village Hall garden and others, where needed.

Red, white and blue theme will be used in honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the War of 1812.

Same Wave petunia as we used this year will be used in the Triangle Garden beds. Fewer sweet potato vines will be planted since they are so aggressive.

Hanging basket combinations were discussed. We will discuss with Lavocats for their recommendations.

**2012 Plant Order** – We will have all plant varieties and numbers calculated and ready for RFQs by Sept. 1. Most nurseries will not be able to tell us what their prices are until after Jan., but we will be ready to fax out the requests at that time. Lavocats has indicated their prices for 2012 will remain basically the same as this year. Lavocats has been very good to work with.

#### Assessment of 2011 season so far

**Watering/Feeding** – A more frequent DPW watering/feeding schedule has helped immensely in the longer life of the baskets and all flowers in general, thus protecting the Village's monetary investment in beautifying the Village. Enthusiastic kudos to Ken Kostowniak and his crew for their much appreciated efforts!

Island Park Gardens - Looking good. No need for purchase of any more plants.

**Meeting House Garden** – Brian Geary and Marcia Roth are meeting with Jan Marino of the Forest Stream Garden Club this evening to discuss the garden club's donation for purchase of new shrubs and re-design of the Meeting House Garden. If work can be done this season, it will give the plants time to establish root systems and give them a boost for next year. Marcia and Brian will report back to the committee with their findings. (*\*\*Marcia later reported that it was decided to do the right side of the garden this year. Brian Geary's landscape plan will be used. Jan will be dropping off the grant check at Village Hall. This will be a donation to Beautification.*)

**Triangle Garden** – In need of a major trimming and cleanup. Members will visit it this evening to attack it. (*\*\*6 huge trash bags were filled with vine trimmings and placed for DPW pick up*)

**Garrison Park Gazebo Garden** – Thru monies received from a grant, Parks Committee is planting shrubs at each of the post locations of the gazebo. Myra and Elise worked on re-locating the various iris and other plants so that the shrubs can be planted.

**Glen Park Gardens** – Several members planted perennials in the garden bed near the HDCP parking spaces near the base of the falls. The new entry pathway gardens at the Main Street entrance are looking great. Thanks again to the spontaneous efforts of several committee members and friends.

**In other business:**

Brian Geary was welcomed as our newly appointed co-liaison to Beautification. He will join Basil Piazza as our liaison to the Village Board. We thank Brian Kulpa for the years he served as co-liaison. Brian Geary has made contact with Eagle Scouts who are interested in working on the rock garden at Lehigh Memory Trail. Deb will contact them to let them know that they can weed and mulch that garden. Brian will make the connection as far as ordering the mulch.

We also welcomed our newest member Catherine Zimmerman to the crew.

Paul Krieter offered to purchase t-shirts for Beautification members to wear while working in the Village gardens so we can be more visible and let passersby know that we are village volunteers (iPlant, therefore I am). Paul is also organizing a picnic for members on August 15th at 6pm. Thank you, Paul!

**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Sat., 9/24/11 at 2pm. – Divide and Conquer: Transplant Day – Meet at Garrison Park Gazebo**  
**Sat., 10/1/11 at 2pm – Plant Pull Day (aka "off with their heads!") – Meet at the Triangle ready to pull and stuff.**

Ended at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Habes

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