

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES – June 13, 2012
Mayor’s Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Jeff Davidson, Paul Paradine, Suzanne Etherington, Diane Batzing

Guest: Jaroslava Prihodova (soon to be commissioned)

Approve Minutes: Comm. Etherington, 1st; Comm. Paradine, 2nd

Completion of the 2012 Tree Planting Program

Sixty-six trees have been planted at an expense of \$8267.91. Next spring we will have \$7027.09 to plant the remaining 48 trees for the DEC grant. Nick Dovi and Linda Armstrong are preparing the necessary paperwork for partial payment of the in-kind grant match.

Because the Kentucky coffee tree canopies looked very sparse at this early stage of development, it was decided to not plant them at owner occupied residences. Five were planted at the Central Ave. site of Economy Paving, three at the Rt. 281/Cowance St. park, one at a student rental property on York St., and one at the City-owned property on Lincoln Ave.

Jim Maloney (National Grid) and Mel (Nelson Tree Service) instructed the DPW employees in proper tree planting practices while assisting with the project over the seven day project beginning May 29th. Comms. Dexter and Batzing marked tree locations and accompanied the team while assigning the various tree species. Comm. Dexter was involved with unloading deliveries. The DPW mulched the trees upon completion of the planting.

A pizza and brownie party was held at the Waterworks to celebrate the conclusion of the project!

2013 Tree Planting Planning

We will have a wrap-up to evaluate this year’s project for next 2013 suggestions.

It has been suggested that we print fliers to be distributed throughout the year to avoid the last minute sign-up crunch time.

2011 Tree Lottery Inspections

Jaroslava offered to examine last year’s tree for the contractor warranty.

Other

- The DPW should continue to water the Charles St./NYSEG trees and shrubs.
- The Port Watson St./Church St. rose garden has been cleaned up and begonias planted in front.
- The LDC is concerned about the way the some trees have been trimmed by the DPW and would like to schedule a meeting with the mayor to discuss concerns. Jim Maloney trained a DPW crew, but an untrained crew has been trimming.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 11 2012 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing