

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES – August 8, 2012
Mayor’s Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Jeff Davidson, Anne Doyle, Jaroslava Prihodova,
Diane Batzing

Approve Minutes: Comm. Davidson, 1st; Comm. Doyle, 2nd

2012 Tree Planting Program Wrap-up

The commission reviewed Nick Dovi’s DPW notes and recommendations of the project. Overall Nick thought the project went as planned and that “the DPW is always eager to assist in any way that can save the city money.” Suggestions included having locations marked out before planting, having site-planting labels on the trees upon delivery, and purchasing the trees locally (as per a local landscaper’s request).

Condition of the 2011 Trees

Comm. Prihodova has surveyed most of the trees and reports that everything looks pretty good; there are no dead trees. Most of the oaks have dead branches that need to be pruned.

Other

- National Grid has removed several trees along the Wickwire pool parking lot following a large branch falling on a car. It was determined that the remaining trees were also structurally poor.
- The City has trimmed a tree at the wastewater plant that branched over a Port Watson St. residence.
- A Frederick St. resident would like to have a tree removed. It is a former Lottery tree between the house and sidewalk.
- A Kellogg St. resident would like one of three former lottery trees removed because of sewer issues.
- A newly planted oak on Garfield St. is dead. The owner says it has been watered, but Comm. Batzing said that the other newly planted oaks are doing much better.
- The resident of a newly planted hackberry tree at 11 N. Church St. has cut out its top (no primary wires are an issue). Comm. Paradine has had NYSEG move it to 37 N. Church St. and will arrange to have a smaller tree planted at the 11 N Church St. residence.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 12, 2012 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing