

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

**Members Present:** Mike Dexter (Chair), Jeff Davidson, Suzanne Etherington, Nick DeCarlo, Diane Batzing

**Approve Minutes:** Comm. Davidson, 1<sup>st</sup>; Comm. DeCarlo, 2<sup>nd</sup>

**2013 Tree Program Schedule and Tree Selections**

- Comm. Batzing distributed flyers to members for door-to-door use. We will give copies to various sites including the DMV, library, Blue Frog, etc.
- It appears that the locust replacement tree, with its 36” diameter root ball and 20” depth will fit in the existing space.
- Jim Maloney will be bringing Mel from Nelson Tree Service and colleague Matt Skinner to accompany the DPW with the tree planting.

**Future Tree Funding**

Comm. Batzing contacted Mayor Tobin regarding a City commitment for tree dollars in 2014. He responded that he “would not want to promise money that an incoming Mayor may not want to commit. However, if re-elected rest assured that I am committed to continuing the tree program.” Commissioners feel that there should be a budget line in place for annual tree planting programs.

The Commission will present the Common Council with information about this year’s planting project.

**Cortland Tree Removal Contract**

The City of Cortland contract does not contain requirements for OSHA compliance. It should include requirements for equipment and provision for qualified line clearance tree trimmers (OSHA 1910.269).

**Rosen Brothers Scrap Yard Site Plan and LDC Involvement**

Comm. Etherington has contacted Dan Quail and Tom Michaels about our interest in having input in the landscape portion of the project. Mr. Michaels said he would bring this issue to the Mayor.

**Recent Tree Concerns**

- The Kentucky coffee trees planted this year are looking healthy. They have a sparse appearance when young.
- Jim Maloney and Comms. Dexter and Batzing pruned trees for six residents in the City and the two ginkgos at the Waterworks.

**Other**

- Next spring, the five Paul’s Scarlet hawthorns planted this summer will be sprayed by the nursery for fungus.
- Comm. Dexter reports that Nick Dovi would like the DPW crew that is trained by Jim Maloney to do the planting at Suggett Park this spring.

- Comm. Dexter spoke with Judd Seales, owner of the Marketplace Mall, about lifting the canopy of a W. Court St. locust tree with Jim Maloney in the near future.

- Comm. Dexter and Nick Dovi will speak to a Kellogg Rd. homeowner who would like a tree removed due to an apparent root/sewer problem. As a rule, this is not a reason for removing a tree.

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4 p.m.**

Respectfully,  
Comm. Batzing