

**CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES – June 12, 2014
Mayor’s Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Anne Doyle, Suzanne Etherington, Nick DeCarlo, Jeff Davidson, Theresa Quail, Diane Batzing

Approve the February 13, 2014 Minutes: Comm. Qyail, 1st; Comm. Davidson, 2nd

2014 Tree Program Review

- Fifty-eight trees were planted this spring, including five replacement hawthorn trees from 2012.
- The City will receive \$550 from National Grid for short species planted under the overhead wires.
- Comm. Dexter instructed the summer DPW workers on how to properly mulch the trees.

Rose Garden

The 24 Knockout roses at the corner of Port Watson St. and Church St. were killed during the severe cold this winter. We will replace them with new roses.

Recent Tree Concerns/Notes

- Comms. Dexter and Batzing worked with Jim Maloney (National Grid) and Tim Ticknor (Nelson Tree Service) as volunteers to trim 60 trees on S. Main St. and London planetrees on Central Ave. on Saturday, May 17th. Comm. Batzing sent a letter to the Nelson’s corporate office thanking them for allowing the use of their tree chipper, and commending their employee for his energy, knowledge, and positive attitude in assisting with our tree planting program earlier in May.
- Stump removal discussion: When National Grid removes trees, the City is responsible for removing the stumps. The DPW rented a small unit in May that proved to be ineffective and time consuming. This year Carter has the tree and stump removal contract, but the City has not allotted enough money to meet the removal needs.

Other

- We are very happy that the City has been awarded a \$16,000 DEC Urban Forestry Grant for tree planting in 2015 and 2016, with emphasis on the City’s East End.
- In discussing a replacement evergreen tree for the Waterworks, Comm. Davidson noted that the Serbian spruce that had been suggested is an inappropriate dwarf species.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, July 10, 2014 – Mayor’s Conference Room at 4 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

