

**CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES – August 11, 2016
Mayor’s Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Nick DeCarlo, Theresa Quail, Diane Batzing

Consultant: Jim Maloney

Approve Minutes of July 14, 2016 Minutes: Comm. DeCarlo, 1st; Comm. Quail, 2nd

May, 2017 Tree Program Planning

- Underwire and tall tree species were discussed. Comm. Dexter suggested that we do not plant the Newport purple plum, the Japanese tree lilac, nor the American hornbeam due to some struggling issues around the City. Although our percentages of maples are higher than recommended, some varieties are more dependable. The ‘Sugar Cone’ and ‘Autumn Blaze’ maples have worked well. The native hackberry was also suggested.
- Jim Maloney recommended replacing the two dead Court House Park and other removed City park trees with sugar maples.
- The trees will be funded through the National Grid 10,000 Trees and Growing monies accumulated in the Finance Office.
- Nic Dovi will give us the list of trees removed in 2016. The property owners will be contacted about whether they want a replacement.
- We will contact property owners who were placed on a planting wait list from 2016.
- Mayor Tobin has suggested that property owners be asked to pay a portion of the tree cost, but commissioners did not favor this idea. Commissioners liked Jim Maloney’s suggestion of allowing individuals to donate funding for memorial trees in parks and other public spaces, as Cazenovia provides.
- The tree flyer/application was reviewed for edits.
- Comm. will meet with Linda Armstrong at Thoma for further planning.

DEC Forestry Grant Funding

The next round of funding has not yet been announced. In anticipation, the Commission discussed replacing the removed Huntington St. and Dexter Park trees, and the deteriorating spruce trees on South Church St. in 2018.

Recent Tree Concerns/Notes

- Comm. Dexter and Jim Maloney trimmed trees on N. Church St., Charles St., and Lincoln Ave., as well as at Court House Park.

Other

Steve Broyles and his students will be updating the City of Cortland tree inventory this year.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 8, 2016 – Mayor’s Conference Room at 4 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

**CITY OF CORTLAND
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Agenda - September 15, 2016
Mayor's Conference Room at 4:00 p.m.**

- 1. Approve Minutes of August 11, 2016**
- 2. May, 2017 Tree Planning**
- 3. 2018 Grant Application Proposal**
- 4. Recent Tree Concerns/Notes**
- 5. Other**