

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
Minutes – April 14, 2010

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

Guests: Tom Tobin (Public Safety), Jim Maloney

Approve March 10, 2010 Minutes: Comm. DeCarlo, 1st; Comm. Davidson, 2nd

“Rebuilding Cazenovia’s Tree Canopy” Workshop

Comms. Dexter, Doyle and Batzing reported on a workshop and presentation on March 27 sponsored by the Village Tree Commission at which speakers addressed natural canopy decline, sound management practices, species selection criteria, specific stock considerations, and planting techniques. Jim Maloney spoke about the tools, techniques, and guidelines to properly prune trees.

Tree City USA Announcement

Comm. Dexter read a letter at the April 6 Common Council meeting announcing Cortland’s 2010 Tree City USA approval. A Tree City USA sign is located in the Zonta garden, and he is working to have another installed on Tompkins St.

Colorado Spruce Planting Date

Available members will meet Jim Maloney on the Church St. median at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 23 to plant the replacement tree provided by National Grid. A photo will be taken for next year’s Tree City USA application.

Lottery Tree Bid Contract Changes

The Commission is pleased that Ann Hotchkin of Thoma Development has added language that we have been recommending regarding ANSI planting practices. In addition, the Commission will inspect the nursery stock prior to planting and upon completion to assure that the specifications are met.

Meetings with Ann Hotchkin

The Commission is pleased that Ann has proposed meeting in December to discuss Lottery tree recommendations and again in August to discuss the summer planting process.

National Grid Money Destination

Comm. Dexter reported that he has given the National Grid records and copy of canceled checks to Mayor Feiszli to determine if their \$8000 in reimbursements have gone into the general fund, and whether any of it might be available for the Commission’s use on future projects.

Tree Pruning Date

Available members will meet Jim Maloney at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 8 (May 22 rain date) for pruning trees on S. Main St., Groton Ave., and the Main St. pocket park.

Port Watson/Church St. Garden Planting Date

Saturday, May 15 has been set for planting the rose garden. Comm. Dexter will see if the Water Dept. has crusher run stone for our use under the bricks. Save your newspapers for weed block over the grass.

Certified Arborist Permits

Tom feels that contractors should have their permit posted on their vehicles for city officials to see.

Water Works Apple Trees

Comm. Davidson has purchased five trees to replace some of those destroyed by the deer and has volunteered to plant them. Tom has metal posts available for making a cage around each tree.

HSBC Flower Bed

Comm. Batzing will contact Adam Megivern regarding a request to weed and plant flowers behind the bank.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

NEXT MEETING: May 12, 2010
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room
4:00 p.m.