

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
Minutes – June 9, 2010

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Meghan Cerveny, Diane Batzing

Guest: Paul Paradine, NYSEG regional forester for Ithaca and the Fingerlakes

Approve May 12, 2010 Minutes: Comm. Dexter, 1st; Comm. Batzing, 2nd

Rose Garden Update

The garden is doing well. It was developed in five hours on May 15th by five Landscape and Design members plus Adam Megivern, Cortland Downtown Partnership. Begonias and dusty millers were planted along with 24 pink Knockout roses. A border was laid with bricks from the burned out Wickwire building. Comm. Cerveny suggests that all rose blooms and buds be pinched to encourage root development.

Lottery Tree Inspections

Comms. Dexter, Batzing, and Jim Maloney (National Grid) inspected the Countree Lawn and Landscape trees in Lapeer for approval prior to planting. The swamp white oaks were affected by a late frost but are expected to recover; Comm Cerveny feels that we should ask for a two-year warranty on these trees. We were pleased to see that some trees have a 2.5” caliper. Comm. Batzing informed Ann Hotchkin that the trees are appropriate for planting.

Welcome Center vs. Courthouse Park Elms

A suggestion was made to temporarily plant four lottery elm trees at the new welcome center adjacent to Exit 11 off Rt. 81. It was decided to plant them at the park to replace poorly growing, damaged, or dead trees. Tom Tobin will have them removed and Stubbs will remove the stumps. John McNerney would like to have 5 or 6 elms planted along each side of the park, starting at Church St.

Spring Projects

Comm. Cerveny thinks it would be nice to do a small project in the city each year.

Citizen Pruners

We discussed the value of citizen pruners who would provide continuing care to street trees, especially young trees that really need attention.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

**NEXT MEETING: July 14, 2010
Cortland Water Works
7:00 p.m.**