

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

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Jeff Davidson, Paul Paradine, Diane Batzing

Approve June 9, 2010 Minutes: Comm. Davidson, 1st; Comm. Paradine, 2nd

Courthouse Park Elm Trees

Stubbs has removed several pear trees and a dead spruce tree from the south side of the park, and has also removed the stumps. Countree Landscaping has planted four Princeton elms from the 2010 Tree Lottery funds. Next year we are planning to place one more elm along this row, and five along the north side. John McNerney will try to direct future donations toward the purchase of these trees.

S. Main St. Trees

Comms. Dexter, Batzing, and Jim Maloney (National Grid) identified 20 trees for replacement due to vandalism, poor tree quality at planting, or string trimmer damage resulting in tree death. Space was noted for an additional tree in front of Penny's Saloon, and the owner is pleased to receive one.

Leftover bonding money from the S. Main St. renovation project is funding this project.

At this point in planning, the DPW will remove the trees, probably in October, and work with Glenn Fritz of Countree landscaping as arranged with Ann Hotchkin, in an addendum to the 2010 Tree Lottery contract.

Comm. Batzing will write a note to affected residents informing them of the work to be done.

DMV Landscaping

Commissioners feel that much of the poor tree quality and planting space decisions will not benefit the long-range success of the trees.

Waterworks Trees

Comm. Davidson has replaced five apple trees and provided individual fencing to protect them from the deer.

Inspection of the 2010 Lottery Trees

Following the meeting, commissioners inspected most of the trees planted by Countree Landscaping. Many trees will need remediation due to unexposed root flare or leaning.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

**NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2010
Cortland Water Works
7:00 p.m.**