

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES– December 8, 2010

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Anne Doyle, Suzanne Etherington, Paul Paradine, Diane Batzing

Approve November 10, 2010 Minutes: Comm. Etherington, 1st; Comm. Doyle, 2nd

NYSEG's Charles St. Project

Neighbors have rejected NYSEG's offer to establish a park on the remediated lot (formerly two homes) and the mayor has concurred with their decision. Charles Street residents would prefer to see a grassy lot, to be mowed by the city with NYSEG funding. NYSEG is willing to replace the four right-of-way trees and to plant additional trees within the city with the equal caliper of trees that were removed, about 60" total DBH (diameter at breast height).

Comm. Doyle will invite Mayor Feiszli to attend the January 12, 2011 meeting to discuss potential options for a NYSEG project.

2011 Tree Lottery Recommendations

Comm. Batzing will invite Ann Hotchkin to the January meeting to discuss the 2011 Tree Lottery specimen recommendations (swamp white oak, red chestnut, Accolade elm) and suggestions for the 2011 lottery process.

Randall St. Tree Damage

The Commission would like to learn why a right-of-way tree has been removed and another tree severely trimmed without Landscape and Design input.

Other Items

- The City of Cortland's Tree City USA application has been submitted.
- Comms. Dexter, Doyle and Batzing will attend the December 10 DEC workshop on the EAB (emerald ash beetle) problem which will eventually impact our county.
- Comm. Paradine has received a list of recent tree varieties planted in the City of Ithaca.
- Comm. Paradine informed the Commission about a DEC grant opportunity. Small cities will be eligible to receive \$2,500-\$25,000 of a million dollar NYS project. Applications are due February 10, 2011.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing

**NEXT MEETING: January 12, 2011
Mayor's Conference Room
6:30 p.m.**