

CITY OF CORTLAND  
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION  
MINUTES– January 12, 2011

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

**Guest:** Mayor Feiszli

**Approve December 8, 2010 Minutes:** Comm. DeCarlo, 1<sup>st</sup>; Comm. Etherington, 2<sup>nd</sup>

**NYSEG’s Charles St. Project Discussion**

Neighbors have rejected NYSEG’s offer to establish a park on the remediated lot (formerly two homes) and would prefer to see a grassy lot that would not attract loiterers. The Commission presented a simple design prepared by Jim Maloney (National Grid) and Comms. Batzing and Dexter, that would consist of a stone berm planted with cedar and concolor trees and lilacs along the back (east) side of the lot. A fence would replace an existing fence that is in poor condition. The Mayor expressed positive comments about the design, and Comm. Dexter will approach the Charles St. neighbors with the plan for their consideration and approval. They will be invited to attend the February 9, 2011 meeting for further input.

**2011 Tree Lottery**

Mayor Feiszli confirmed that funding for the 2011 Tree Lottery is available.

**Tree Ordinance Changes**

Mayor Feiszli will give our letter requesting changes to the Cortland Tree Ordinance to Corporation Council for input and recommendations. The Commission proposes to have language changed that would give the City ownership of the right-of-way, thereby giving the City and Commission more enforcement power if homeowners remove or trim trees excessively without prior review of the Commission.

**Randall St. Tree Issue**

Bill Knickerbocker will send a letter to the homeowner about removing a tree and improperly trimming another tree on the ROW.

**DEC Grant Opportunity**

\$2500 - \$25,000 is available for a DEC community-matching grant. We will meet at 6 p.m. on January 20 to begin the application process and will request about \$15,000 to plant trees in underserved areas of the city.

**Other**

- Comms. Dexter, Doyle, and Batzing reported that many cities are attacking the emerald ash borer problem with monies for tree removal and treatment.
- Mayor Feiszli reported that the former Ames Linen property will require landscaping next year.
- Comm. Dexter will contact Monica about placing our *Trees for Cortland* pamphlet in a more prominent location on the website.

**NEXT MEETING: February 9, 2011 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.**

Respectfully,  
Comm. Batzing