

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES– April 13, 2011
Mayor’s Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

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

Advisory Rep: Jim Maloney

Guest: Mike Sweeney (Sweeney’s Pest Control)

Approve March 9, 2011 Minutes: Comm. Etherington, 1st; Comm. Davidson, 2nd

Mike Sweeney Discusses Emerald Ash Borer Control

Once EAB is found in the county, our ash trees will be dead within five years. Mr. Sweeney does not recommend removing trees before they become diseased, as in some municipalities. Chemical treatment is less expensive than removal. Mr. Sweeney is not licensed to treat EAB, but refers homeowners to a Syracuse company that is certified/licensed. Although considered ineffective, a homeowner treatment is also available. Comm. Etherington indicated that Cortland will need to establish a procedure for dealing with public ash trees, as well as educating residents with nonpublic trees. Comm. Dexter will get addresses of residents with right-of-way ash trees and will contact John Graham about coordinating news releases and a possible DEC list of companies that inject infected trees.

Arbor Day Tree Planting at Starr Bistro

We will meet at 8 a.m. on April 29th to plant a Homestead elm tree that Jim Maloney of National Grid is providing. First, the American Hornbeam that died and the structural soil will be removed. We will ask the mayor to read an Arbor Day Proclamation.

National Grid Trimming

Jim Maloney indicated that National Grid will remove ten trees, including three on Arthur Ave. Comm. Paradine recommended that a basswood on N. Church St. should be kept until next year.

DEC Forestry Grant/2011 Tree Lottery Schedule

The LDC will proceed with this year’s Tree Lottery and apply potential 2012 Tree Lottery funding as the match to the DEC grant, if awarded.

Letter to the Editor

Comm. Dexter was complimented for his recent Letter to the Editor. He will make an Arbor Day announcement at Common Council.

Charles St./NYSEG Project

Comm. Paradine reported that NYSEG is reviewing the cost of the project.

Port Watson St. Parking Lot Maintenance

Comm. Dexter will contact Adam Megivern about coordinating a project with the DBA.

Starr Bistro/Jets Camp Landscape Project

We will contact local nurseries about providing a temporary display to dress up the Main St. corner in July and August.

Tree Ordinance Revisions

We will invite Pat Perfetti to discuss ordinance language at the May 11th meeting.

Express Mart Landscaping

We will be contacted to provide input on the Tompkins St. project.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2011 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing