

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

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

Approve Minutes: Comm. Paradine, 1st; Comm. Etherington, 2nd

Expressmart Project

The Planning and Zoning Boards have approved changes to the fencing along the north side of the property on Tompkins St.

NYSEG/Charles St. Project

Countree Lawn and Landscape has completed the planting project, and the Commission is very pleased with its appearance. The neighbors are disappointed that previously planned fencing will not be provided due to the high cost, but they are pleased with the completed lot. They are watering the site and Comm. Paradine has been watering trees along the right-of-way. Thirty-five trees have been planted, including green (Winter King) red maples, tulip trees, and a ginkgo tree on Charles St and N. Church Sts.

Comm. Paradine will purchase a wildlife native plant sign for the site. Also, he has secured an additional \$2000 from NYSEG for a row of arborvitae to be planted along the east side of the property. He will arrange for the removal of a fence that is in disrepair along the west side.

2011 Tree Lottery Update

Comm. Dexter will write a Letter to the Editor regarding the need for watering the newly planted Lottery trees and NYSEG trees.

EAB Notification and Tree Tagging Project

The tagging of nearly 100 trees went well. Commissioners were happy to educate a few residents who came out to talk about the process at the time of tagging.

Tree Ordinance

Comm. Batzing will send Comm. Etherington a copy of Ithaca’s tree ordinance as part of the information gathering process aimed at revising Cortland’s ordinance.

Tree Inspections

Following the Landscape and Design Commission meeting, members proceeded to inspect this year’s plantings as part of the Tree Lottery contract with the contractor, Countree Lawn and Landscape

NEXT MEETING: August 10, 2011 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing