

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
March 19, 2008
Old Board Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 in the Old Board Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Present: Brian McElwain, Dr. Joe Ryne, Candy Cleveland, Nancy McKeague

Absent: Penny Bohnen

Also Present: Village Forester, John Finnell, Village Horticulturist, Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 5, 2008 meeting were unavailable at this time. The Beautification Task Force will need to approve the February 20, March 5, and the March 19 minutes at the next meeting.

Old Business

- a.) Ms. McKeague began the meeting by discussing the proposed screening wall to hide the air conditioning units at the Memorial Building. Ms. McKeague told the BTF that she was in favor of installing a screening wall, because it is permanent. She went on to explain that plants do provide good screening, but can succumb to disease and once again expose the air conditioners. Ms. Cleveland told the BTF that she is opposed to the wall until the drawings and portions of the Master Plan are complete. Dr. Ryne is not completely opposed to the wall, but agrees with Ms. Cleveland about the drawings and Master Plan.
- b.) Ms. Cleveland expressed concerns about the Master Plan. She is worried that if things don't progress soon, the Master Plan may get shelved. Dr. Ryne feels strongly that we need a landscape architect and that it is not our task to decide if the Village has the money to hire one. Mr. Hopkins suggested that the BTF compile all the information regarding the BTF Mission Statement, Memorial Building Landscape Master Plan, and the Memorial Building Maintenance Improvements, then present this information to the EPS Committee. Dr. Ryne made a motion to submit this information to the EPS Committee and then ask to have funds approved to hire a landscape architect. Mr. McElwain seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.
- c.) Dr. Ryne discussed the ZPS meeting he attended, regarding the Ogden Avenue Corridor. He went on to say that the ZPS Committee was very receptive to the BTF input. The ZPS Committee would like the BTF to work with the consultants to discuss gateways, green spaces, and other beautification aspects along the Ogden Ave. Corridor.

New Business

- a.) Ms. Cleveland passed out a rough draft of a BTF description for the Village website. Some minor changes were discussed, but no formal motion was made to have this posted on the Village website.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hopkins
Village Horticulturalist