

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
July 23, 2008
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in the Board Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Nancy McKeague, Penny Bohnen

Also Present: Village Manager, Dave Cook, Public Services Director, George Franco, Village Forester, John Finnell, Village Horticulturist, Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes

Some of the members of the BTF did not receive the minutes for the June meeting, so Mr. McElwain motioned to have the June minutes tabled till the next meeting. Dr. Ryne seconded the motion. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business

- a.) Mr. Cook began the meeting by saying the one year anniversary of the BTF is coming up in September and the BTF is required to give a report to the EPS committee on what has been accomplished and what the BTF would still like to accomplish. Mr. Cook explained to the BTF that they need to have a report ready for the September 8th EPS meeting. Mr. Franco told the BTF that they have three options:
- i. Present a report to the EPS Committee and ask to remain a task force.
 - ii. Present a report to the EPS Committee and ask to become a committee.
 - iii. Disband the Beautification Task Force.

Some BTF members asked if the BTF were to become a committee would village residents be required to bring their landscape designs before this committee for approval. Mr. Cook said landscape design standards would have to be made, and then the committee could have the authority to approve or deny design work. Mrs. Cleveland said a great deal of time was spent on the Memorial Building, but now it is time to go back to the beginning and focus on landscape design standards for the Village of Hinsdale.

- b.) Dr. Ryne began a discussion about improvements to village gateways. Some task force members feel that the BTF has been left out of the loop when it comes to the gateway improvements, Ogden Ave. Corridor for example. Mr. Franco told the BTF that they should avoid discussing the Ogden Ave. Corridor for the time being. The Ogden Ave. Corridor project is in its infancy and time would be better spent on other projects until there are more concrete plans for the Ogden Ave. Mr. Cook explained to the BTF that the property adjacent to the I-294 exit ramp leading onto Ogden Ave. (westbound) actually belongs to Cook County Forest Preserve. Mr. Cook went on to explain that the village is in the process of obtaining a long-term lease from Cook County Forest Preserve to use this property for an entrance sign for the Village of Hinsdale. Until this lease is finalized there is no need to discuss beautification of this area.
- c.) Some task force members asked if there should be a separate task force for village horticultural practices. Mr. Cook said there are too many committees and task forces as it is.
- d.) Mrs. Cleveland inquired about Emerald Ash Borer and other issues regarding village trees. Mr. Finnell explained that an emerald ash borer infestation is inevitable in the

village, but he has gone to great lengths to inform residents and with their cooperation we hopefully can slow the spread.

New Business

a.) No new business.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Hopkins
Village Horticulturalist