

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
September 23, 2009
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:07 p.m.

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

Absent: Nancy McKeague

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 19, 2009 Beautification Task Force meeting were introduced for approval. The Committee addressed minor errors and changes in content. Ms. Bohnen motioned for the approval of the Beautification Task Force meeting from August 19, 2009. Mr. McElwain seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

The Beautification Task Force briefly discussed the dedication of the clock event and future improvements to the site that could be made once more funds become available. Mr. Hopkins stated the price for a new irrigation system to be installed would be roughly \$4200. Discussion also took place regarding the planting list and the use of new soil for the upcoming spring season.

Tribute Tree Program

Ms. Cleveland provided an update on the progress of tribute tree program. She stated members of the Beautification Task Force met with a representative from Hinsdale Nurseries in order to work on the tribute tree brochure and determine pricing for a variety of sizes and types of trees. Dr. Ryne questioned if a picture of the tag design should be inserted into the order form. The Task Force agreed and questioned where the tags would be ordered. Mr. Finnell stated it might be a good idea to order the tags directly from Hinsdale Nurseries because they offer a good design that would last for a long time. General discussion continued over the Tribute Tree Program such as offering the option of tributing an already planted tree in Hinsdale or a group of trees in a designated area. They also discussed how the owners will be recognized after the purchase of a tribute tree such as in the Village newsletter, newspaper, and website.

The Beautification Task Force discussed the five pricing categories that will be proposed in the tribute tree program. Ms. Cleveland was concerned about the pricing categories when compared to the Botanic Gardens and Mortem Arboretum because she felt the donations would be much higher in the north shore communities. Mr. Finnell stated donations could also be accepted on a case-by-case basis to be applied to a Village wish list. Once enough money was allocated towards an item on the wish list it could then be implemented. Discussion continued over the pricing

options and if charging more money by the location of the tree could cause issues. Mr. Finnell stated in his experience this would not cause an issue and is generally standard procedure.

Tree Protection

Mr. Finnell presented the Beautification Task Force with information from other communities regarding their tree protection ordinances. He stated currently Village residents are able to cut down as many trees as they want on their property such as the property on north Garfield Rd. Out of the communities that he looked at, the Village of Glenview had the best tree protection ordinance that would best suit the Village. General discussion took place over some of the details in that ordinance.

New Business

Litter Issues

The Beautification Task Force discussed issues relating to litter in the Village and other eyesores. Ms. Bohnen was concerned about the amount and variety of banners that are currently located in the downtown area. She stated the banners downtown have become an eyesore and questioned the procedure for approval of these banners. Dr. Ryne also raised concerns regarding the sign code in the Village and ways to be more restrictive on the amount of signage and banners displayed throughout the Village. General discussion took place over the use of political, garage sale, and other signs displayed in the Village and how the Village could become stricter on monitoring these signs such as issuing fines.

Adjournment

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote taken, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ragona
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