

**Beautification Task Force
Minutes of the Meeting
January 27, 2010
Conference Room – Memorial Building**

The meeting of the Beautification Task Force was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in the Conference Room of the Memorial Building and was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

Present: Dr. Joe Ryne, Penny Bohnen, Candy Cleveland, Nancy McKeague

Absent: Brian McElwain

Also Present: Village Horticulturalist Dan Hopkins, Village Forester John Finnell, Director of Public Services George Franco

Approval of Minutes

The Beautification Task Force reviewed the minutes from the January 13, 2010 meeting. Minor adjustments and corrections were addressed. Ms. McKeague motioned to approve the minutes of January 13, 2010. Ms. Cleveland seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Update on Tribute Tree Program

Ms. McKeague discussed a conversation she had with Jim Slonoff, photographer for the Hinsdalean, and Kelly Anbach, Village employee, regarding photos for the proposed tribute tree pamphlet. She reported they would be sending pictures for the Task Force to review to use for the Tribute Tree Pamphlet. Dr. Ryne suggested to keep the pamphlet simple and urge interested parties to check the Village website or contact John Finnell for more information. He also presented a pamphlet that was created by the Economic Development Committee for the Task Force to review and get ideas for the Tribute Tree Pamphlet.

Tree Protection

Dr. Ryne requested the Beautification Task Force bring ideas for the pamphlet and other marketing initiatives for the next meeting. Ms. Bohnen stated she has had talks with a student who may provide help with the pamphlet and possibly other design aspects of the project and will follow up at the next meeting.

Dr. Ryne briefed the Task Force on the conversation he had with the Laura LaPlaca, Chairman of the EPS Committee, and stated once the Task Force is done researching and forming a plan they could then meet with the EPS Committee to discuss the plan.

Mr. Finnell highlighted information from the materials he provided to the Task Force. He recommended minor changes that would apply better to the Village and also certain sections that would need to be discussed and reviewed by the EPS Committee and Village Attorney. General discussion took place over the sizing of trees, replacement requirements, costs, and other language in the draft tree protection ordinance and questioned how many trees could be saved

from a policy such as this. He offered suggestions to clear up confusion and presented possible problems that could arise using examples that have surfaced in the Village in the past. General discussion took place between the task force members regarding this draft document and how an appeal process would be conducted and if this ordinance could have an effect on the sale and value of a home. They also looked at ways to regulate tree protection while trying to maintain property rights for residents. Dr. Ryne stated many of these concerns would need to be reviewed by the Village attorney and addressed at a future EPS Committee meeting. Mr. Finnell stated he would make changes to the draft ordinance and have it ready for the next scheduled meeting.

New Business

The Beautification Task Force discussed the current contract for Christmas decorations placed at Burlington Park and questioned the plan for next year. They also questioned if this plan should even be in the scope of projects the task force is currently working on. Dr. Ryne stated a decision would not need to be made for several months on the new contract so this agenda item will be revisited.

Adjournment

Dr. Ryne motioned to adjourn the Beautification Task Force meeting. Ms. McKeague seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. on January 27, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Ragona
Administrative Intern