



# BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

## Minutes

March 11, 2008

7:00 PM

WILLIAMSVILLE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Trustee Brian Geary, Co-Chairman Shawn Michel, Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Kathryn Nikisch

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes of the February 12, 2008 meeting were approved.

***NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00pm.  
Garden Prep Work Day: Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.***

**Meeting House** – It was decided that Forest Stream Garden Club will choose the flowers they would like to plant at the Meeting House since they have offered to sponsor this garden again this year. Marcia will call Carol Holdsworth and set this up so the plants can be included in our order. Whatever they choose will be within the budget for that garden.

**Garrison Park Memory Garden** – Brian Geary will be in charge of removing the dead yews in the middle of the garden. Tall annuals will be planted in their place. Brian will also see that the burning bushes will be trimmed down since they have become overgrown. This will produce new vigorous growth. On our April 26<sup>th</sup> Garden Prep Day, the Hostas will be dug up and thinned out. They will be stored until the other gardens are prepped and they can be relocated to the Island Park Restroom Building garden and the Bridge garden. Brian offered to get a mixed bag of perennials to add to the enlarged IP beds. Brian will also ask DPW to dig out the existing topsoil at that location and add new topsoil. These beds will be extended beyond the drip line of the roof.

**Village Hall Garden** – Four inch pots of purple and pink supertunias will be planted along with purple and white salvia. Lime green sweet potato vine will also be used.

**Lehigh Trail Garden** – Splits and committee member donated hardy perennials will again be planted here due to the lack of a water source. Kathryn Nikisch suggested that the Committee should plant at the base of the Lehigh Trail sign at the S. Long entrance to the trail. She will visit the site, assess it and report back.

**Hanging Baskets** – Lockwood's will be planting the baskets any day.

**Garden Sponsors** – Donations will be gladly accepted from those who offer.

**100% volunteer** – Discussion of how to demonstrate that we are all-volunteer. Passers-by think we are paid landscapers. Suggestions: have t shirts printed that say “Village Beautification Comm. - 100% volunteer”; paint small signs that can be displayed while we are working that say the same thing. Handouts that state our mission also could be used to increase membership. Members are asked to share any ideas.

**Farmers’ Market** – Last season we set up an informational table at the market, thanks to the invitation of Lynn Schwab of the Market Committee. Anyone who would like to offer to man a table on a Saturday morning this summer, please let Marcia know. Should have at least 2 people working. It’s a fun way to spend a beautiful summer morning. You get to see all your neighbors, meet some new friends and spread the word about the work that we do so that we can attract new members.

**Garden Prep Work Day** – This day coincides with the Village’s celebration of Earth Day/Arbor Day. What better way to celebrate the earth than by getting your hands and knees dirty by digging in a garden! April 26<sup>th</sup> – meet at Island Park at 9:00 am for your assignment. As always, many hands make light the work. Thank you in advance for your help. Contact Brian, Marcia or Shawn.

Questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, please contact:

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*All through the long winter, I dream of my garden. On the first day of spring, I dig my fingers deep into the soft earth. I can feel its energy, and my spirits soar.*

*Helen Hayes*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!**

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***Committee Garden Prep Day ---- Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.- Meet at Island Park***

***The Big Dig ---- Saturday - May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. - Meet at the Triangle***

Meeting adjourned by Shawn Michel at 7:40 pm

Minutes submitted by Deb Habes

