

**Beautification Committee
Minutes
April 8, 2008**

Present: Trustee Brian Geary, Marcia Roth (Chair), Shawn Michel (Co- Chair), Elise Fila, Myra Lenz, Dona Bronkie, Deb Habes. Guests: Forest Stream Garden Club members Carol Holdsworth, Barbara Whitney, Jan Marino.

Meeting was opened at 7:00pm.

Mark Your Calendars..... Get ready, get set, DIG!!!!

Garden Clean-up Day is slated for Saturday, April 26th, 9:00 am – Noon. Please report to the Island Park Bridge for various Village garden prep duties. Bring rakes, gloves, clippers, etc. so that we can get the gardens ready for planting on May 17th. All are welcome. This will coincide with Earth Day / Arbor Day activities throughout the Village that day.

20th Annual "Big Dig" – Saturday, May 17th, 9:00am at the Triangle Garden.

Meeting House- Forest Stream Garden Club has donated \$200.00 to sponsor the Meeting House Garden for the second year in a row. Their flower choices include Caroline sweet potato vines, purple scavoela, white impatiens and pale yellow marigolds. The club members will once again be present on planting day, May 17th, to plant the Meeting House beds. They will also maintain the Meeting House garden beds throughout the growing season. The Committee thanked the club for both their generosity and enthusiasm in helping to beautify the Village.

Village Hall – Color scheme of mixed pinks, white and lavender impatiens, pink cleome, and pink supertunias. Measurements were taken of the garden during the meeting to aid in the ordering process.

Memory Garden – Restored plaque will be installed in center; mixed impatiens will be planted around the plaque. Hostas will be divided on April 26th by committee volunteers and stored until ready to redistribute to the other gardens. Topsoil and compost will be added to the area around the plaque.

Island Park – 1) Bridge Garden – dead taxus yew will be removed. Perennials will be planted. 2) Restroom Building – Brian Geary will direct a widening of the beds to extend beyond the drip line of the roof. This will allow plants to receive rainfall. Top soil and compost must be added to amend the soil. Brian Geary will coordinate with DPW. Divided Hostas and various perennials will be planted.

Triangle Garden – Flowers are ordered.

Myra reminded all that the Mischler's Annual Perennial Sale will start Friday, April 18th. This is a great way to increase your perennials at dirt-cheap special prices. Donated plants are welcomed in our Village gardens, so please consider adding a few for the Village when you fill your cart or thin out your own beds. It's a great way to contribute to our community gardens! Contact Marcia or Shawn for more details.

For questions, please contact Trustee Brian Geary at bgeary@village.williamsville.ny.us, Marcia Roth at marciaaroth@gmail.com, or Shawn Michel at s_express@verizon.net.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Habes