



BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2009

Present: Marcia Roth, Deb Habes, Myra Lenz, Elise Fila, Dona Bronkie, Shawn Michel, Trustee Kulpa
Absent: Kathryn Nikisch, April LoTempio, Paul Krieter, Trustee Piazza

Meting was opened by Chairman Roth at 6:30 p.m.

Topics of discussion:

Committee members will meet at the Garden of 1812 (aka Triangle) on Friday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. to weed and then spread out to all other gardens. Bring shears and diggers.

The committee viewed a digital photo display by Marcia Roth of all the gardens and made comments and suggestions for next year's plantings. "Thank you" to Marcia for the photo documentation of this year's gardens!

Comments on this season and suggestions for 2010:

1. **Village Hall Commons** – Planter boxes need more color so Supertunias will be planted instead of million-belles. At base of brick half-wall, purple salvia and white impatiens. A tall grass will be transplanted from the east side of the garden to the space near the water hose. Cosmos were out of control and should be of the shorter variety. Patio pots – Keep the same. Trees must be mulched. Under sign must be mulched. Ed Dore from Dore Landscaping has not returned to re-sand the paver stones or place the paver stones under the sign to provide for a kneeling pad for the DPW when they change the letters on the sign. Judy Kindron will contact him to get the status of this job.
2. **Hanging Baskets** – All chains must be painted black when they are taken down for the season. Keep all liners. Baskets are stored at DPW for the winter. Committee will research Supertunia colors for next year. It was agreed that some white needs to be introduced into the mix of flowers to provide more contrast. All Supertunias; nothing else needed. No sweet potato vine is needed since it did not show up in the baskets this year. Baskets will be planted by chosen nursery by May 1, maintained at them in their greenhouses until they are delivered to DPW May 30th and hung by DPW on June 1. Fertilizing/watering schedule was appropriate this year and provided fantastic display and many compliments throughout this season. Recommendation is to keep it the same in the future. Some of the baskets are starting to look frizzled. Target date for take-down by DPW of all baskets is September 1.
3. **Island Park** –
 - a. **Stone House (aka restroom building)** – Beds looked great this year. Salvia will be only annual added. All else will remain.
 - b. **Bridge Garden** – Removal of inoperative and unsightly message board is strongly recommended. Replacement of white plastic chain with black chain is also recommended. Removal of overgrown Spirea bush is recommended with the planting of a perennial in its place. TBD.
 - c. **Shawn's Garden** – Should be thinned out with coneflowers transplanted elsewhere.

4. **Meeting House** – Forest Stream Garden Club stated they are interested in sponsorship again in the future. The entire garden will be available for planting since the brick re-pointing job has been finished. They can choose the flowers they wish to plant there. Marcia will take a photo of the garden and send it to the club as an added thanks for their sponsorship and also an invitation for next year's support and planting. The club is also responsible for the maintenance of the garden.

5. **Garrison Park**

a. **Gazebo Garden** – All perennials. Add some more Rudbeckia and Bee Balm. Must be mulched, edged. Tulips should be coming up in the spring.

b. **Memory Garden** – All perennials. Sue Buyer donated and planted some impatiens. Paul Krieter has mentioned that he would like to donate a bench for placement there in memory of his father. Will discuss further with him for more details.

6. **Lehigh Rock Garden** – Thin out coneflowers and transplant to other parts of that garden. Must be edged and weeded and mulched in future.

7. **Garden of 1812 (aka Triangle)** – Trim down Shasta daisies and any coneflowers that need trimming. Research colors for Supertunias to see if there is possibility of change in color scheme to yellows, oranges, purples. Add clusters of white to break up the expanse and add punch.

Garden Sponsorship

Marcia will talk to Paul Krieter to see if he would be interested in seeking out future sponsors. The committee must research and come up with a 3 year and a 5 year plan to that monies generated by sponsorship can be appropriately targeted. Ideas generated included memorial benches; landscape boulders; more hanging baskets on Main Street; underground sprinkler for Stone House Garden in IP.

Sponsor Recognition – Marcia and Dona will research plaques and report back to committee by Sept. 15. Brian Kulpa said he would be happy to present a proclamation plaque at a Village Board meeting. Glen Park Tavern sent an additional \$250 check to sponsor the Garden of 1812, for a total donation for this season of \$500. A thank you letter was sent along with the receipt to Ellie.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

****Friday, August 21st at 6 p.m.** – Meet at Garden of 1812 (aka Triangle) to weed and trim. All hands needed!

Tuesday, September 15th at 7 p.m. – No regular meeting will be held. Meet at Glen Park Tavern for informal get together and dinner for anyone who is interested. This will be a way of supporting Ellie Grenauer and the Glen Park Tavern, our major sponsor this year.

****Saturday, September 26th at 9 a.m.** – Major Garden Pull Day – All gardens will be pulled and cleaned up for the season. Meet at the Garden of 1812. Get ready to rumble - All hands needed!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Deborah A. Habes

Crabgrass can grow on bowling balls in airless rooms, and there is no known way to kill it that does not involve nuclear weapons.

~Dave Barry

