

# Beautification Meeting Notes

## Tuesday September 9, 2014

### @6:30pm, Village Hall

Present: Catherine Zimmerman, Elise Fila, Daniel Peck, Paula Hinz, David Zapfel, Elizabeth Gregg, Myra Lenz, Pat Earing, Edie Malizia, Marcia Roth, Deb Habes and Trustee Basil Piazza

#### Welcome to all, especially new members Dave, Dan and Pat!

1. **Chair** - After many years as our leader, Marcia Roth has stepped down as Chair. Our thanks to Marcia for her leadership and dedication. She will continue on the committee and will continue as liaison to Forest Stream Garden Club for the Meeting House Garden. Deb Habes will take over all central communications and asked if anyone wanted to be a co-chair. No takers yet, but hope springs eternal.
2. **Village Hall Watering and VH pots** - What is DPW's watering schedule? Basil will talk to Al Yates and ask for 4 of the large pots for Village Hall's front entrance patio. The 4 smaller pots we plant never do well. The big curb pots that Mischler's plants flourish and look spectacular every year. See if we can work out a deal with Village Preservation and the WBA. **Hose** - Need a hose for front of village hall for watering our plants. Basil offered an extra hose he will donate to the cause.
3. **Review of past season:**
  - a. **Adopt-a-Garden** Program worked in focusing members' attention on maintaining a garden of their choice. New members were asked to choose a garden and commit to its maintenance over the season.
  - b. **Heritage 1812**
    - **Fountain** – Power to island was cut by national grid to allow for underground electrical work and new electric meter to be installed over the summer. New parts for fountain pump are here, electric is installed and hopes are that with increased electrical service for pump and sprinkler heads, the water will be flowing there soon. Flood light on the flag pole should also be working soon. Stay tuned.
    - **More perennial flowers.** Member donated clumps of rudbeckia, bee balm, Shasta daisy, daylilies and other hearty flowering perennials are sought. When you divide or thin out your gardens, take some clumps up to 1812 and go ahead and plant them. We want to make sure that these perennials are planted on the perimeter of 1812 first. There needs to be more color visible from the street here. Like any garden, it's a work in constant progress. Corn stalks in Fall, sunflowers for summer. Myra will speak to Paul K. to make sure we get some of the "magic" seeds to plant at 1812 in the spring.
    - **Grasses @ 1812** – The "jungle" has been thinned out. There were some small monkeys living in there but they have disappeared. 24 HUGE grasses were tagged by our members and removed and replanted in Glen Park by DPW. Thanks to DPW. Now they need watering to establish their roots before winter. Basil will ask Ken to make sure they are on the regular watering schedule. Will be nice addition to the landscaping at GP.
    - **Spring Bulbs for 1812** - Russells was contacted for purchase of daffodil bulbs. Will plant some earlies, mids and late bloomers for large swath of spring color at this highly visible garden.

- **Mums for 1812 this fall.** Will plant inside the 2 concrete urns at the entrance to the garden. Deb will ask DPW to move them for us.

c. **Island Park**

- **Pavilion beds-** Boxwoods are doing great but there are many weeds and the beds look unkempt. It was not mulched this year. Stella Doros are not doing well- not enough sun. Suggestion is to have the weeds removed, and tons of mulch applied in the spring. Keep it clean and open, so trash can be seen and easily removed by DPW. No more plantings in there. This bed should be under Parks Committee care or just DPW for routine maintenance. Basil will speak to parks liaisons.
- **Island Park Stone Bldg.** needs thinning out and good layer of mulch added in the spring.
- **Hose Holder** (sturdy metal) needed for IP Stone Bldg. on Island Park. DPW can supply and attach.

d. **Garrison Park Memory Garden** - Hostas can be divided and placed anywhere we need more plants.

4. **Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @9am** - Fall Clean-up and Spring Bulb planting. Meet at the 1812 Garden. Then move on to Village Hall and Meeting House.

**Volunteers** - Need to reach out - Put something in the Bee, Church Bulletins, Scouts, senior living residences such as Renaissance development on Klein and Ayer, etc. Basil will help to get it in the Peter & Paul bulletin or church newsletter.

5. **Budget-** About \$1,500 left for plants until May 31<sup>st</sup>. Will be purchasing spring bulbs, mums
6. **Pocket Park** is in transition. Deb and Marcia meet with the mayor and others this week. Should be finished with hard-scaping and seating in Spring 2015. Asked for members to do some research for inspiration board. Get your photo ideas to Deb via email.
7. **Main Street in Bloom 2014 a success.** We bloomed 75 businesses this season. Will continue the program in 2015. Good for the whole village, not just the businesses. When our Main Street looks good, it's a reflection on the health of our whole community. Raises the bar for everyone, residents and businesses alike. Main Street is our Village's "front yard".
8. **Garden Walk 2014 was a success. Gave out over 500 maps.** Lots of great feedback and publicity for the Village. A huge thank you to all you participated. **Garden Walk 2015 will be Saturday, July 18th. Mark your calendars!**

Meeting ended at 8:00pm

Notes: Paula Hinz and Deb Habes

**Next Meeting Date: Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.  
Meet at Heritage Garden of 1812 ready to dig!**