

Village of Williamsville
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
September 21, 2006

Present: Wes Stone, Acting Chair, Steven Dyson, Bob Ess, Arvela Heider, Kate Waterman-Kulpa. Trustee Liaison Bea Slick. Attorney George Van Nest.

Excused: Kathleen DeLaney

In attendance: Mr. Joseph Dispenza, President, Forest Lawn Group and legal counsel.

Called to order by chair at 6:00 p.m.

One item for discussion.

Application for the Certificate of Appropriateness from the Forest Lawn Group, dated June 22, 2006, in the matter of the Williamsville Cemetery, Main Street and Perimeter Fence, Scope of Work.

Resolution

Issue 1

Capping of the Perimeter Fence.

Resolution of the issue: Unanimously agreed by the FLG and HPC in meeting of August 15, 2006, this feature deemed unnecessary.

Issue 2

Movement of the Main Street perimeter fence and piers

a.) Resolution to move the Main Street perimeter fence eleven (11) feet forward one foot from the right of way, and three (3) feet from the sidewalk (See drawing Option D, Rev. 8/25/06 layout as per plan. The stone piers to be moved eleven (11) ft. instead of 15 ft.

b.) The curvillenear ascending pickets on the west side would join two (2) pieces of the existing gates to remain, and be moved forward with the piers, and installed as operable (those gates currently anchored to steel attached to the piers in same manner which same are now attached. If the piers fail during relocation the pier stones, pier caps, and mortar will be restored in-kind and reassembled in their original configuration within the timeframe of the completion of the relocation of the Main Street fence.

c.)The two (2) foot section of fence to remain between the gate post and pier.

d.) The foot path or pedestrian gate (4'10") is to be incorporated as part of the southwest Main Street portion of the fence, and to conform with the south west corner in similar symmetrical feature as shown on Option D drawing of 8/25/06, eight (8) feet west of the westerly curve of the Main Street fence. Vegetation (boxwood plants) will be removed 4'10" in width on the North side of the pedestrian gate.

e.) Painting of the fence and posts must commence within two years of the start of this project to move the fence forward. The current fence will be cleaned to remove corrosion prior to painting the fence black using handscraping or wire brush method (no sand blasting); and, also to remove corrosion employing the same method, on the posts along Long Street and Reist Street along the Main Street façade. The maintenance of the fence will continue next along Reist Street, followed by Glen Avenue Extension, and finally along North Long Street perimeter fence, all work to be completed within a five year cycle from the commencement of this project to move forward the Main Street portion of the fence.

f.) Also, any fencing along the Main Street façade, should be the original fencing, and fabricated in-kind pieces will be positioned along the west property line at the residential properties, and be properly matched end-to-end. Any new fence will be fabricated by a skilled laborer trained in the trade of ironwork.

g.) The plaques along the Main Street façade are to be relocated in the current positions.

h.) The stone piers will be maintained per historic preservation guidelines as currently stated in the Historic Preservation Commission code 47-10.

Issue 3

Trees/Vegetation

a.) In keeping with the symmetry of the green ash tree lines on the southeast side, mature green ash trees should follow suit of the grid along the newly developed internment sites from north of the fence adjacent to the family plot labeled "Dye" (west side of plot) between plots labeled "Kelly" and "Larson" (west side of plots); and the plot labeled "Knickerbacker" (west side of plot). These trees are to be planted after the internment sites are filled, at the discretion of the cemetery, but not to exceed the next planting season. The new trees should be of the variety of Sugar Maple, Red Oak, White Oak, London Plane, or Green Ash. Trees will be a minimum of 2-1/4" diameter. These trees are to be staked until roots have fully taken hold.

b.) Because the front entrance of the cemetery is to be revamped, the trees along the promenade, that are a part of the project (24" Red/Silver Maple at the Main Street entrance), should be replaced when no longer alive with Sugar Maple, Red Oak, White Oak, or London Plane trees, to preserve the historic landscape. When replacement is

necessary, the new trees (2-1/4" or greater in diameter) should be placed as close to the replaced tree on the North-South axis of the promenade line within one planting season.

c.) Upon movement of the fence the crabtrees will be removed from the Main Street façade.

d.) The boxwood plants to follow along the curvilinear lines of the Main Street fence.

e.) The trees of the promenade will be maintained per historic preservation guidelines as currently stated in the Historic Preservation Commission code 47-10.

Attorney Van Nest reminded the Commission that maintenance of historic properties is a condition of the Historic Preservation Commission code, but added that it is appropriate for the Commission to include maintenance into the motion as historic elements are affected by the proposal.

Motion to approve the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the Forest Lawn Group with the conditions Issues 1-3 listed above by Waterman-Kulpa. Seconded by Dyson. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Stick extended the Village's appreciation to the Commission members for their time and efforts during the process of this Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00pm by Dyson. Seconded by Ess. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Waterman-Kulpa