

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their meeting **July 14 at 6:00** at City Hall. Those present was Phyllis Franken, Frieda Stehr, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Joel Ahart, Madeline Meyer, Ron and Elaine Rex, Mary Jeanne Thompson, P.Dale Gronemeyer, Shirley Phillips, Howard Hustedt, Joan Godbersen and Linda Godbersen.

Items to be discussed were sign landscaping, Dierenfield property and the Cracker Jack cribs. At this time Madeline treated everyone to a box of Cracker Jacks. Kerry reported that Cubby's Inc. donated \$500.00 to the organization to be used where we found necessary.

The grant on the landscaping of the signs has been tentatively approved, but we are waiting on the paper work and the contract. Madeline has contacted Barb Kerns and Patty Peterson about if we withdraw from accepting the grant if this would hurt our chances of getting grants in the future and we were told that it would not hurt us in the future. Elaine suggested that since the plants are being held for us until the 1st of Sept. that we wait one more month to see if the money comes thru. Howard suggested that Shirley make a call to see if the money was coming soon if not by the 1st of August we will go ahead. Grant Thayer said that the lights were ready to be put in but they are waiting for the dirt work and the brick work. Howard made a motion to wait until the 10th of August and if we have not heard from the grant at that time we will go ahead and withdraw from the grant and buy the plants on our own and get them planted so they can become established before winter. Mary Jeanne seconded, all ayes. Howard will keep Madeline informed on this project.

On the Dierenfield property the house and the trees are down and in a pile. We are waiting for the Fire Dept. to burn, hopefully it will be either Wed. or Thurs. night of this week. Gary Roth has some backhoe work that will be needed to be done. And he will have to haul in some sand to fill some of the holes. There has been no money spent at this time on this project.

Madeline thanked Steph Reinhart for her excellent work on the brochure. Barb Horak has placed an OBC link on the Odebolt web page, which we appreciate.

After much discussion on the Cracker Jack cribs it was decided from lack of participation this project was dropped. Maybe in the future we could have a billboard painted with this mural on it and have it at an entrance into town.

Kerry gave talk on the progress of the Triangle Park. We are waiting for the plaque and the sidewalk. Evapco has donated the stand for the plaque.

The project we will be working on in the future is to complete the trail going up 1st street. Linda and Frieda will be coming up with a proposal by next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Aug. 11 at 6:00 at City Hall.