

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their monthly meeting Oct. 13, 2009 at 6:00 at City Hall. Present were Jack Bensley, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Phyllis Franken, Joan Godbersen, Madeline Meyer, Mary Jeanne Thompson, Linda Godbersen, Howard Hustedt, Elaine Rex, Curt Wareham, P.Dale Gronemeyer, Frieda Stehr, and Janet Leonard.

Deb passed out a financial report. At this time there is \$1247.99 in the account at Iowa State Bank.

Joan received a plane identifying book from Bill Gronemeyer that was used when the watch tower was in use. We will try to get a display at the museum for the things that have been donated to us.

Kerry presented a proposal for the City park to the City council meeting and they gave approval to his plan. It was discussed that maybe if we redo the Monument Circle that we could reuse some of the landscaping material from here to the park. Kerry had talked to Mike's Lawn service for a bid on the park project. Les said that for \$3.75 per cubic foot he would deliver landscaping fabric, landscaping block and 1" river rock. Kerry had also asked the Council about the plans for the west shelter house and was told that they would decide on this matter in the spring. \$3100.00 was figured for this project which includes: Mike's Lawn Service, statue for pedestal, bench and picnic table. The INS grant is being worked on for this project.

Joan reported on her trip to Des Moines for the REAP grant. We did not qualify for this grant, just missed by a few points. There were 18 applicants they awarded to the 12th place and we came in 13th. Some areas we scored very well in and others not so well and we will try to work on these areas. We will have longer range plans when we apply for this grant next year. Linda will stay focused on this project and get the application started earlier, Chris Whitaker did the grant for us this year, but we had only given him 3 days to put this together. Shirley Phillips secured the approval of the county REAP Board's approval and the mayor called a special meeting to approve the application.

The mowing on the north, south and east entrance signs at this time are being mowed by the City employees.

Howard Hustedt was present to ask if the OBC would be interested in supporting his project on the corner of 2nd and Main. He would like to see it become a green space area with a clock, benches, maybe some trees or shrubs and flags. The area is 120 by 120. He has talked to Shirley Phillips to see about applying for the Sac. County Endowment grant. Shirley told him to come to the Oct. 27 informational meeting and then apply. He is able to get some of the matching funds from contributors. The total cost will be approximately \$30,000.00. He has \$6000.00 in solid commitments with another \$6000.00 in possible commitments. He believes that he can raise enough money to match the grant. Kerry asked what the long range care plan for this area was going to be. Howard said that as long as it was on city property it would be the city's responsibility. Kerry said that since he was raising money for this project maybe he should raise extra to cover upkeep in later

years. At this time Howard stated that Vance will take \$2500.00 of the sign project money and put in a CD for the upkeep of the welcoming signs. After much discussion on the Downtown Beautification project Howard asked for the OBC support on this project. Mary Jeanne made a motion to accept Howard's plans and to support this project, help with fund raising and designing; Curt seconded. All ayes. No nays. This will be a permanent park. Howard will go to Sac City on Oct 27 for the informational meeting on the Endowment Grant, Linda and Joan will help with this. He is hoping to start the later part of April and be finished by Creek Days.

Election of officers was as followed: Howard nominated Madeline for chair person, Frieda seconded the nomination. Elaine motioned nominations cease. All ayes. No nays. Mary Jeanne nominated Deb for secy/treasurer, Linda seconded. Elaine motioned nominations cease, Janet seconded. All ayes. No nays. Howard nominated Linda for co-chairperson. Mary Jeanne seconded. Elaine motioned for nominations cease, Mary Jeanne seconded. All ayes. No nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00. Next meeting will be Nov. 10 at city Hall.

Deb Reinhart Secy/treasurer