

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their monthly meeting Sept. 15 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall. Present for the meeting were Phyllis Franken, Joan Godbersen, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Mary Jeanne Thompson, Madeline Meyer, Joel Ahart, Vonnie Wareham and P.Dale Gronemeyer.

The REAP grant will have a review Sept. 17 in Des Moines. Joan will go to represent our committee.

The Memorial Walk extension was discussed and P.Dale is totally against this. He feels that we should take care of what we have, but he is mostly talking about the trees around town and we feel that this is not our concern. The trees that need attention are either the property owners or the city's responsibility. Before any more discussion about this project we will wait to hear from the grant to see if we get it.

The landscaping around the welcome signs is complete. Thank you to all that helped that day. Junipers were planted at the east sign around the church sign. Kerry will talk to Vance about who is responsible for taking care of the signs now that they are complete. It was noted that we may lose some grass at the north sign, Vance talked to Les at Mike's Lawn Service about this and Les suggested that we wait until spring to see what happens and if it does not come back Mike's will replace it because of the guarantee. We were wondering who mows around the signs and we know that Thad Dierson is mowing the west sign, at this time we are not sure who is mowing the other 3 signs.

Also noted that we lost a Concolor out to Lundell's, Kerry suggested that we wait until spring to see if we lose any more over the winter. Kerry watered all of the trees and plants over the weekend and at this time everything else looks pretty good.

Deb reported that the Triangle Park is complete with the plaque being installed. Also noted that the park is being used.

Kerry reported that when he was watering the trees by the pool, that the tennis courts were both being used.

Some projects were discussed; maybe playground equipment at the City park. The basketball hoops from the school are to go to the park. Maybe reinstall the volleyball court west of the tennis court. The Monument Circle looks bad and no one is taking care of it. Downtown area maybe put a greenspace in the west vacant lot at the corner of Maple and 2nd. Maybe some new street lights along 2nd street. Do some landscaping at the City Park. Maybe enlarge Community bldg parking lot to the corner of Main and 2nd St. It was decided that Vonnie and Curt Wareham along with Madeline would put a proposal together to present to the Council.

The city park was discussed and Linda Godbersen, Janet Leonard along with Kerry and Deb Reinhart had toured the park and had come up with some ideas. They would like to see the west shelter house fixed up and some landscaping done around the shelter house

area to cut down on the runoff from the rain, and may cut or trim up some of the dead trees and branches. So it was decided that they would come up with a proposal to present to the Council.

Joel Ahart stated that he may have something happening with the corn crib area. The mural on the north side of Hemer's bldg. was discussed and Vonnie mentioned that maybe something could be painted to represent the old buildings that had been torn down in the downtown area. Kerry has been trying to get hold of Blue Space out of Denison to see if he could give us an approximate estimate on this project. Joan will check with Shirley Phillips to see if the greenspace project and the mural would be covered under the Sac County Endowment grant.

Next meeting will be held Oct 13 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Deb Reinhart