

The Odebolt Betterment Committee met **July 13, 2010** at 6:00 at City Hall. Present were Elaine, Mary Jeanne, Madeline, Howard, Phyllis, Jack, Kerry, Deb, Curt, Linda, Freida, Joel, Shirley Phillips, Duane Veit. Joan arrived later she had a previous appointment. Duane was here to take a picture of the committee for the Chronicle.

Madeline called the meeting to order and passed out a copy of the minutes from last meeting. She gave everyone a minute to read thru them then asked if there were any corrections or additions to make. There were none at this time so the minutes stand approved as printed.

The treasurer report is checking account \$21,789.94. Savings for upkeep of Triangle Park is \$300.48.

Howard gave report on progress on Downtown Greenspace Project. The clock and lights should be here on the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. Greg Neville and Grant Thayer will work closely with these companies to get the job complete. Greg Neville Const. has turned in their final bill of \$14,310.44, which has been paid in full.

It was discussed whether donors who bought benches, lights, or the table should have their name on the plaque since they would have their name on the item that they purchased. Linda motioned that they should only have their name on the item they purchased (single entry). Mary Jeanne seconded. All ayes. No nays.

In March we received a \$1000.00 grant from Trees Please and we have to match this amount. We have had 2 contributions that equal \$300.00 of this match, so after much discussion Kerry motioned that we take \$700.00 of the Downtown Greenspace Project contributions and apply it towards the match since this money will be used towards purchasing trees for this area. Joel seconded. All ayes. No nays. Kerry mentioned that he would like to see some nice size trees bought for this area so that it would look nice. Howard stated that we have \$2000.00 to spend on trees so we should spend it and get some nice mature trees. There was much discussion on which kind and Frieda and Mary Jeanne volunteered to go around to different tree businesses and see what was available and get some prices. They will report back next meeting.

Jack Hogue from Prairie Pedlar has donated time, dirt and plants for the planters in the Greenspace Project. Next spring we will purchase some perennials for these planters. Jack also stated that he would donate the seeding of the grass.

Gary Roth of Gary's Backhoe has donated the trenching for electrical. James Pierce of James Body and Glass has donated the painting of the lights. Pioneer Seed donated the hauling of the gravel. Howard and Marcia Hustedt donated 3 gallons of paint for painting the vacant buildings on Main Street. Jerry Gronau has done the painting and has turned in a bill of \$427.50. Deb is to write him a check for \$400.00 the remainder will be his donation to this project. Greg Neville Construction donated labor and supplies. Scott Huffman will give the plaque with the donors names on it. Howard will meet with him after the 15<sup>th</sup> of July. This date is the deadline to have your donations turned in if you

want your name on the plaque. It has been published in the paper twice stating this.

Kerry gave report on City Park. At this time we have firmed up the shelter house and have put new facade boards on. Our future plans are to maybe have a fund raiser next year to raise money for the sidewalk by selling cobble bricks with your name engraved in them. Kerry will talk to Taylor Bengford about landscaping around the shelter house after the roofing is complete.

Linda gave report on the REAP grant application. Greg Neville has given her an estimate on this project. The sidewalk will be moved to the south of the lot because of the entrance into the car wash and the trucks driving across the sidewalk. Two trees will have to be removed from the lot for this project. There was talk that maybe a rain garden would be placed in this area to help with rain runoff. The deadline for this grant is Aug. 15, Linda has it completed so she turned it over to Joan. Joan made a copy and gave to Shirley before she left.

Madeline discussed volunteers to mow and take care of the welcome signs. She has talked to Vance and he will pay for replacement of plants and upkeep of signs. At this time Hoefling Lawn Service is mowing the north and east signs, Thad Diersen is mowing the west sign and Joel Ahart is mowing the south sign on a volunteer basis. Linda will check on the west sign, Madeline will check on the north, Joel will take the south and Tammy, with the help of Elaine and Joan, will take the east to do volunteer weeding when needed.

Motioned was made by Elaine to weed and maintain the grounds around the entrance signs, Freida seconded. All ayes. No nays.

Kerry gave report that he and Deb have trimmed around the dogwoods, nine barks, concolors, and at Larry Schulte's and at the triangle park.

The next meeting will be Aug. 10 at 6:00 at City Hall. (Note: changed to Tuesday, August 3, 2010).

Secy treasurer  
Deb Reinhart