

The Odebolt Betterment Committee met August 9, 2011 at the 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Café. Present were Madeline Meyer, Elaine Rex, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Linda Godbersen, Phyllis Franken, Joel Ahart, Freida Stehr, Don Hout, Jack Bensley, Howard Hustedt, and guests representing the Questors; Kathie Willhoite and Kris Ziegman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The bank balance at this time is \$4,120.88.

Breakdown as followed:

Undesignated: \$330.00

City Park: \$3,684.33

Greenspace: \$45.55

Sign landscaping: \$61.00

There is \$300.91 in savings at Iowa State for upkeep for the Triangle Park.

Kerry gave an update on the City Park. The only thing we are waiting for to complete this year's project is for Odebolt Tree Service to trim trees. This needs to be done by the 1st of October. Kerry then gave an update for next year's park project which will include adding some seating around the playground area, adding another picnic area to the north of the enclosed shelter house and extending the enclosed shelter house and preserving the entrance pillars. Deb is putting the finishing details for the REAP grant for this project, it has been to the County REAP board and they gave this project nice comments, which the OBC appreciates. Deb will have it mailed in time for it to reach Des Moines by the August 15 deadline.

Madeline stated the Rural Legacy is planning on beginning their project in late August.

Kathie and Kris gave a brief history on the Peterson Pioneer House and stated at their last meeting they had a good discussion about what needs to be done to preserve this house and they think that moving it down to 2nd Street would be a good idea. They asked if the OBC would help them to move it to this location. After the move they will take care of repairs and the tours. Discussion was held and it was decided in order to have both buildings look nice they should each be facing 2nd Street, with the School House setting correctly to accent the Green space Park. Mayor Rex has talked to the movers and they will come sometime this week to see if the house is structurally sound to move. Mayor Rex will follow up on this. The Questors asked if the present lot of the Pioneer Home would be sold if this money would come to the Pioneer Home Project.

We asked Barb Horak and Bonnie Ekse if they had any suggestions for future projects and they sent a short list of things they would like to see done in the community. We are considering some of them.

Kerry and Deb drove around to observe the trees planted by the OBC and noticed that there is one located at the tennis court that there may be an issue with. Kerry and Deb will go out and water and water after tonight's meeting.

Next meeting will be held Sept 13 at 6:00 at the Downtown Café.

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Deb Reinhart