

The Odebolt Betterment Committee met Feb. 8, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Café. Present were Jack Bensley, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Linda Godbersen, Janet Leonard, Joel Ahart, Howard Hustedt, and Don Hout.

The minutes of previous meeting were read. Howard made a motion to accept minutes as read, Janet seconded. All ayes.

Bank balance at this time is \$7271.97 with breakdown as followed:

- City Park: \$2446.58
- Downtown Greenspace: \$4664.39
- Tree match: \$100.00
- Sign landscaping: \$61.00

There is \$300.91 in savings for the upkeep of the Triangle Park.

Kerry gave an update on the City Park project. We have received word, that we are the recipient of a \$1300.00 grant from INS. We will be notified with the time that this grant will be given to the committee. The INS grant was designated to the shelter house, so Kerry has talked to Grant from the Electric Co. and told him that we have received this money and to please put us on his schedule. We are waiting to hear from the Sac County Endowment Foundation on the outcome of this grant.

Linda gave an update on the statue that Twyla Godbersen made for the City Park. We felt that the base of the sculpture may be to large for the pedestal base, so in the Spring we will go up and set it on the base and see what we think of it. Maybe we will have to see about getting the base cut to fit or maybe use it in the flowerbed that will be built this summer.

Linda gave an update on the country school progress. Sandy Host has been to the Council meeting and she has their approval to move the school on to the east half of the west vacant lot on Second Street. We need to visit with Sandy and see what she wants our part in this project will be. Deb has heard from her and she stated that she will be in town Thurs. Feb. 10 and Kerry and Deb will see what she wants us to do.

Kerry has talked to Senator Kettering about getting us an Iowa flag, which has been ordered. Howard will talk to the Legion about getting a United States flag. Both flags are in need of being replaced at the Downtown Greenspace.

Howard has received a plan from Christensen-Huffman on the displaying of the contributors for the Downtown Greenspace, which he shared with us. After much discussion we felt that this was not something that we were interested in, so Howard had some other ideas that we discussed and have decided on the one that we all liked and where it will be placed. Kerry motioned that Howard talk to Christensen-Huffman about putting together a new plan of 3 stones with the names on, the Thank You across the base, made of granite, maybe putting the OBC logo on then getting it back to us for approval, Jack seconded. All ayes. We would like to have this project completed by Creek Days. Howard will also check to see what this will cost us, maybe do black with gold lettering.

Next month's meeting will be held on March 8 at 6:00 at the Downtown Café.