

ODEBOLT BETTERMENT COMMITTEE
Formerly the Odebolt Visioning Committee
Wednesday, January 28th
Odebolt City Hall @ 6:00 p.m.

Item #1 We will be making plans for the placement of the trees we will be getting from the Trees Please Grant of \$1,000.00 and the match from the City's commitment of \$1,000.00. (This commitment was made at the time the City applied for the Iowa's Living Roadways Grant.)

Item #2 Where do we go from here?

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The Odebolt Betterment Committee met on January 28, 2009. The following were in attendance: Kerry & Deb Reinhart, Madeline Meyer, P. Dale Gronemeyer, Tom Duncan, Curt Wareham, Phyllis Franken and Joan Godbersen.

The Trees Please application has resulted in \$1000.00 and a match of \$1000.00 from the City of Odebolt. This application included a request for trees for the Odebolt Memorial Walk.

In reviewing the letter (and a phone call)...the MidAmerican Energy money must be spent on trees. The City match can be trees, labor or even shrubs.

Curt & Kerry would like to see 40' trees at maturity.....maybe maple or lynden. These should be planted in groups of 3 or 5 so that if disease moves in, it won't wipe out the entire selection.

Another thought was to plant poplars in front of the dump and maybe cheap trees from the Conservation. Perhaps plant a row of evergreens along the fence. Arbor Day trees are not recommended as they are too small.

Tom will check on the distance needed between the trees and heat in order to survive. Suggestions might include red cedar or concolor firs.

Kerry would like to see 8-10 trees planted and have something to show instead of small trees and have nothing. The group was estimating trees at \$30-\$40 per tree.

It was decided that recommendations and the cost for 10' trees will be sought from the 2 Sac Conservations Boards and from Prairie Peddler.

Someone will attend the March Council Meeting to voice the committee's case.

Kerry will measure the dump area.

Our next meeting will be February 17th at 6:00 p.m. @ City Hall. Later note: In speaking with Wayne B from the DOT it was determined that there are no prohibited trees.

Notes by Deb & Joan