

Odebolt Betterment meeting held March 27, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Present: Madeline, Mary Jeanne, Phyllis, Joan, Kerry, Deb and Joel.

Madeline has contacted Mike's Lawn Service and via oral statement has put in an order for plants, which will be planted approx. the 3rd week in April. It has been stated that if we receive the grant we will go with the native plants. If we do not get the grant and use private funds we will do away with the wild roses. Howard knows about this and will take charge in April when the planting begins for the sign project. The sign project will be on all 4 signs entering in to town. Joan stated that a grant should never be turned down for this could harm the chances of Odebolt getting future grants.

Madeline has ordered 5 concolor firs that are 24 to 30 inches high for \$42.50 per tree if we are interested. Kerry stated that he would like to see these planted between Lundell and Pierce's if Lundell will allow. Madeline wondered if DOT should be contacted and Kerry did not think this was necessary because this was private property.

Madeline also ordered 25 bareroot red twig dogwoods that stand 2-3 foot tall for \$25.00. It was decided that this could be planted to the east of gate at dump and 5' behind the existing fence. It was discussed that west of the gate be left empty for now until they decide what they are going to do with the burn pile. We have decided to purchase the concolors and dogwoods from Madeline. Joan stated there was no time limit on the use of the grant. Iowa One Call must be made before planting.

Kerry will talk to Vance about planting the concolors on his property and talk to Larry Schulte about planting Snow White Crabapples on both of his properties. Snow White Crabapples are fruit free and heat tolerant. They are \$45.00 bare root and \$120 for potted 8-10 foot tree. They will grow to 25 - 30 feet.

Dierenfeld property was discussed and decided that state property goes right to front door. Maybe plant trees right in front of building.

When we are ready we will get Wayne from Denison to help write up application for DOT permit.

Joan is applying for INS grant for Triangle Park, formerly known as Rotary Park. Mary Jeanne has donated to the painting of the shelter house. Kerry and Madeline will attend the Rotary meeting on April 14 to present the plans for the Triangle Park and see if they are interested in contributing to the this project.

Madeline will talk to Curt about his plans for south of town. She will also talk to Howard and let him know our plans.

We feel that things need to start happening so that the community can see that we are moving ahead with plans. We need get something in the paper. When we start to plant we need publicity and pictures in the paper.

Next meeting will be held April 14 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Notes by Deb