

The Odebolt Betterment Committee held their meeting **March 9, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. at Odebolt City Hall. Present were: Joan Godbersen, Phyllis Franken, Madeline Meyer, Vonnie and Curt Wareham, Linda Godbersen, Kerry and Deb Reinhart, Donarae Cleveland, Joel Ahart, and P.Dale Gronemeyer.

Highlights of November's meeting were read. Curt motioned to accept as read and Joan seconded. All ayes.

The previous bank balance was \$5275.95; \$300.00 was transferred to a savings account at Iowa State Bank for upkeep on the triangle park. The committee has received a \$1500.00 grant from INS which has been deposited so the balance as of this evening is \$6475.95.

Kerry gave a report on the progress of the City Park project at this time. We have received the grant money from INS. Kerry has talked to Les at Mike's Lawn Service and we are on their schedule in the spring. Les will come down and talk with Kerry about the plans. At this time we think that Mike's will set the curbing and deliver the landscape fabric and rock, which we will then apply. We have put on our blog page asking if anyone knows what sat on the granite pedestal under the oak tree. P.Dale thought that it was a copper sundial. Curt suggested that we talk to Miller Blacksmith to see his catalog of statues and other things. Or maybe he can help us design and make something for this. Kerry and Joel will get to Peterson Mfg. to check out picnic tables and benches now that the weather has improved.

The \$1000.00 Trees Please grant should be received in March. At this time we have no matching funds. Maybe something could be taken from the Greenspace Project. The Iowa Living Roadway committee has sent the City of Odebolt a check for \$1028.60 to reimburse them for their share of the sign project. So this project is complete. Linda will start to work on the REAP grant for the 1st Street trail project. The deadline for this grant is August 15. Last year we applied for this on such a short notice that we felt that we would give it more time this year. Joan will get her a copy of how we finished last year and a copy of the scoring to see where we can improve.

We will check our trees in the spring after the thaw to see how they have withstood the harsh winter and to see if any of them need replaced. We know that 1 concolor at Lundell's has to be replaced and Madeline will contact the Sac Co. Conservation and order this. Curt had asked if Disaster assistance was available to replace storm damaged trees. Joan did not think so but would check to be certain. P.Dale noted that hackberry trees stood up well to the ice this year.

Howard was unable to attend the meeting to give a report on the Downtown Greenspace Project. The City, as fiscal agent, received a \$12,000.00 grant from the Sac County Endowment Foundation. At this time the City has this in their account; Joan will decide how to handle this. Kerry suggested that Howard may want to contact a contractor to get on their schedule for the spring. Linda has made a suggestion to Howard about making changes to his plans so some day maybe the west vacant lot can be developed and things

will flow better in that area. There was discussion that maybe the committee needs to check with the City first to see if they will allow improvements on this lot. Curt and Vonnie gave a computer presentation on the west lot as to what they would like to see done. The video/sketch included trees, benches, and old school house and additional landscaping.

Linda will talk to Howard about ordering the clock and lights for his project. Mike Hoefling will take the brick from the Monument Circle. Joan has checked with different organizations about this and they have all been okay with it.

The next meeting will be held April 13, 2010 at 6:00 at City Hall.

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Deb Reinhart