

Green Committee Minutes
Wednesday, August 13, 2014
City Hall at 5:00PM

Present: Dave Haywood, Matt Holley, Mark Jemison, Jesse Matthews, Lou Marcantonio, James McWilliam

Absent: Tony Di Paola, Councillor Harris

Regrets: Councillor Stevens, Natalie Millheiser

Staff Liaison: Christine Adams, Kristen Sullivan

1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
5:06 PM

2. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

- Motion to approve previous meeting minutes – L. Marcantonio
 - Carried

3. **Presentations (invited guests)**

Sheila Mora representing the Merritton Lions Club

- Lions are interested in naming a park in Merritton after Bill Wiley and will be holding a trivia night fundraiser on September 27, 2014
- Naming opportunity for the 327 Glendale Ave (formerly Johansson's Bar Project) or the park behind Pinehurst School

4. **Business**

4.1 Flat Iron Garden

- Trees to be planted in the fall

4.2 Geneva/Westchester/406 Naturalization

- Some sewer work to be done in the area
- Green Committee signs to be put in place
- **Action:** Committee to spend the remaining \$1,000 allocated to the project to remove dead trees, prune existing trees and plant wildflowers and additional Sumac

4.3 327 Glendale Ave (Formerly Johansson's Bar)

- J. McWilliam has developed Phase 1 for the project which includes: removal of gravel from parking area, adding fill, topsoil and sod to the parking lot, installation of armourstone and trees
- **Action:** D. Haywood to present to Merritton Lions with the new plans and project costs for their September meeting
- 3D renderings of project have been completed
- Motion to proceed with Phase One – M. Holley
 - Seconded – J. Matthews
 - Carried

4.4 Hydro One Corridor

- **Action:** K. Sullivan to follow up with Hydro One

4.5 Windows to the Lake (Ann St., Port Dalhousie)

- **Action:** C. Adams to follow up with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority

4.6 Downtown Civic Square

- Green Committee signage not yet installed

4.7 Pearson Park

- **Action:** M. Jemison to distribute tree tag options
- Trees planted previously by Committee could benefit from fertilization and pruning, Committee currently has \$4,448 available for the project
- Motion for \$400 for fertilizing and pruning – M. Holley
 - Seconded – D. Haywood
 - Carried

4.8 Hannelore Headley Chess Park

- Additional requests for the park from local stakeholders include new bike rack and cleaning up rusted chairs
- Committee previously put forward \$1,000 for project but two trees also need to be replaced
- Motion for additional \$1,000 and to receive more information on pricing – M. Holley
 - Seconded – J. McWilliam
 - Carried

4.9 73 Queen Street

- **Action:** Project complete, remove from agenda

4.10 2014 Trillium Awards

- Committee to go look at nominees August 20th

4.11 Bond Street

- **Action:** Boulevard trees to be replaced
- **Action:** C. Adams to look into roadwork

4.12 Boulevard Greening from Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Looking for \$750 to clean up the boulevard at Queenston at Eastchester including the removal of a tree stump and pruning
- Motion for \$375 – D. Haywood
 - Seconded – L. Marcantonio
 - Carried

4.13 Edible Garden Partnerships

- There was a request from Council for a report on community gardens, policy is not complete but the program could be set up similarly to the boulevard grant
- Fruit trees on City property are or will be ripe soon, could be easier for volunteers to pick fruit in parks rather than on the boulevard
- **Action:** J. Matthews to speak with the Garden of Eating Niagara about finding fruit trees in parks
- **Action:** K. Sullivan to speak with legal department about harvesting fruit on City property

4.14 Mountain Locks Park

- **Action:** Remove from agenda

4.15 Queenston at Eastchester

- Opportunity for greening at the intersection
- Would be part of the road allowance, there is currently work scheduled to be done on Queenston and the project could be included
- **Action:** J. McWilliam to bring up greening opportunity at project meeting

4.16 BME Church

- St. Catharines Horticultural Society maintains the gardens and they had some plant die off during the winter. Horticultural Society has raised \$200 but need an \$550-650 for the project
- Motion for \$400 – M. Holley
 - Seconded – J. Matthews
 - Carried

4.17 70 Duncan

- Kentucky Coffee tree and Black Walnut trees were selected for planting last year, 11 trees will be planted this fall
- **Action:** Trees from the Civic Square will be planted at the 70 Duncan site at the end of the season

4.18 Geospatial Niagara

- Geospatial Niagara's website is ready to launch and they are in the process of getting their mobile application completed
- Can calculate urban tree canopy and values
- **Action:** Committee to request a presentation from Geospatial Niagara

7. **Date of next meeting**
Wednesday, September 10, 2014

9. **Motion to Adjourn**