

GENEVA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Public Works

May 5, 2009

In Attendance: Dorothy Flanagan, Sherri Weitzl, Paul DesCoteaux, Jim Corfield, Mary Kay Brown, Rick Sturm, Esther Barclay, Mary Gehring, Cookie Olson, Jay Moffat, Chris Goulet, Jeni Russo and Roberta Edwards.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

SUMMER PLANTING

Jim Corfield passed out a listing of the types and numbers of flowers that are being planted for summer at each planting area. He had asked the grower for a photo/description of each plant to make them easier for us to identify but as yet hasn't gotten them. Over 2000 flowers will be delivered to Public Works between noon and 3 p.m. on Friday, May 15. He noted that we also had the same number of pansies this spring. Also included this year are 16 grape tomato plants (free from Craig MacLean) and seed packets for nasturtium, Swiss chard, whose flowers and leaves are edible and also zinnia. The grape tomato plants will need to be staked. Jim also pointed out that by placing the plant trays crosswise in the city trucks we can carry three more trays per truck.

Jim has tried contacting Ball Seed but has gotten no response.

The GHS horticultural classes are already working on their planting areas at Third and Rt. 31.

Jim will take care of the hanging baskets for the bridge after the other flowers are planted.

Mary Kay will pick up the paper waste bags and small plastic bags from Ace Hardware.

Our committee will meet at Public Works on May 14 at 6 p.m. to plant flowers in 21 of the large planters that will be placed along State Street, east and west of the downtown shopping district.

Dorothy collected photo copies of the committee's driver licenses for those who drive the city trucks for watering and planting. Anyone who has yet to submit their photo can get a copy made at city hall from Sherri Weitzl. The P.W. garage door opener is also available from Sherri on Friday's before watering on Sunday.

QUILT RAFFLE TICKETS

On Saturday, May 9th, Geneva's Third Street will host a day of opportunities to learn more about all types of gardening with emphasis on caring for our environment (called Gardenology). There will be experts from a wide range of topics available to instruct anyone who wants to learn. The Beautification Committee will be selling raffle tickets for our beautiful quilt that will be on display at the Geneva History Museum. To date we have sold \$305 worth of tickets. We will display the quilt until early November at various locations around town.

SWEDISH DAYS PARADE

We discussed whether or not to take part in the parade. Pure Gardener has again offered to loan us the flowers to decorate our wagon.

NEW BUSINESS

Our committee is looking for creative ways to raise money for buying flowers. We will meet at a later date to discuss this more thoroughly. No future meeting date was decided at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Edwards