

December 12 2015 meeting for the discussion of landscaping

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. with Dale Anger, Randy Kursinsky, Wanda Freeman, Darla Rippee, Mari Spraul, Laura Dawson and Doris French present.

We discussed the landscaping for the new hall. First we toured the outside to see what is available for landscaping that would be maintenance free. It was suggested we use native plants. We have 3 outside spigots. Then we went inside and discussed the different things we could do. We would like to have the main entrance more showy. A water feature would be nice.

1. Flowers included wygelia bush, butterfly weed, day lilies, spider wart, perennial sunflowers, brown eye susans, purple leatris (bottle brush), nemanies, shasta daisies, lily of the valley, daffodils,.
2. Plants for around the flag pole, 3 layer block planters with black dirt. The blocks run about \$120 and black dirt about \$200. The bulbs could be planted in it.
3. Blocks or mulch around the air conditioning units to prevent erosion. Also a fence to protect them from from being walked on.
4. Trees, that would not grow too big, or bushes along the front of the hall. Also suggested were rocks or big urns.
5. We can do some landscaping each year instead of all at once. Colengula and white dutch clover could be used to cover the areas not planted this year to hold the soil until we are ready to plant there. We could probably get them at Cohoons. It will take about 25-30 pounds of clover to go around the pond at \$3.95 a pound.
6. We could plant daffodils and lilies on the rim of the pond, also cranberry bushes. Also could plant them by the ends of the culvert.

We discussed having a veteran memorial by the flag pole and sign. We talked about bird houses along the ditch by the pavilion.

Dale has donated lilies and daffodils to the township.

We could get seeds from American Meadows: \$8.95 per ¼ pound or \$30-\$40 for a pound of seeds. Rare seeds could cost up to \$80 a pound. An area 27x150 would take 2 pounds to saturate. Dale has checked the depth of the black dirt around the hall. Chicken or Rabbit manure would be a good fertilizer because it would have less grass/weed seeds.

Modern Woodsman may give us a grant for plants and trees. They could help with the sign also. The give grants to the tri city area.

Another source would be Wildtype Nursery by Lansing.

Randy will check on boulders for along the road where people have been driving and by the flag pole. He said Mike Spinale or Denny or Ed Wallace Builders have access to boulders also.

A person in the township does statues so we can ask him about statues for a veteran's memorial.

We also talked about getting cigarette butt holders to keep them out of the landscaping.

The Grant Committee will meet on Monday, Dec. 14 to get this ready for the Board that night.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris French
Grant Committee Secretary

P.S. Sorry about the spelling of the names of the flowers.