

Building Committee/Landscaping sub-committee

Minutes 5/4/2015

Present: Margaret Logue, Linda Hearn, Leah Smith, Nelia Decker

Guests: Max Skjoldebrand, Lil Province, John Hoff

1. Minutes of the 4/27 meeting approved.
2. Linda ordered 3 trees for the area near the north terrace to provide screening for the Waldron property. Tim suggested that she order *Carpinus betulus* *frans*, a variety of Hornbeam.
3. Approximately \$3500 remains from the Edey Foundation funds for educational signs. Leah and Tim will meet to discuss signage. We discussed having a large laminated board (like what we have done for the planting design), website info, so that there is access from home and from portable devices that patrons can use at the library: smart phones, tablets and chromebooks. We also thought that paper brochures might be useful, though there are concerns about paper use.
4. The teen patio has been reconfigured with new dimensions to accommodate the drainage and leeching field.
5. The North Terrace was discussed: Cheryl, in absentia, presented a new plan. John and Linda both explained it. Discussion ensued: concerns and things to keep in mind:
 - a. There needs to be enough space for flexible seating and for patrons to be able to comfortably use the patio. More variety of seating than a wall is needed.
 - b. How does it look from other advantage points?
 - c. The stone wall will act as a retaining wall. Many of us felt that going back to the curve and setting the wall back further, closer to the upper pathway, gives us more room. Linda had concerns about changing the drainage pipes, though John feels like it won't be a problem. This will create a steeper slope, but John felt that plants could be found to work with the slope, things that creep and fall over the wall possibly.
 - d. The upper path has enough flat area on either side to not feel unsafe, and shrubs can be planted along the top of the bank on both sides of the path for screening.
 - e. The idea of the stone wall continuing on both sides of the stairs is still viable, we like the way it works with the stairs.
 - f. To create more room for seating and patrons, we wondered about replacing the large planting areas with smaller strips with a ground cover-(thyme) people could step over them even, but it would create a planted space between the asphalt path and the bluestone.
 - g. We decided to put off the actual building of this project until the fall. We will continue to finalize plans, create a laminated poster to show people the proposed plan, and give us time to put the project out to bid in August. It may even allow for donation opportunities.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 18th, 8:30 AM at the Library.