

Meeting @ Millenium Park

Date: October 22, 2013

Time: 11 a.m.

Attending:

Phil Jacobs – Parks & Forestry Supervisor
Al Nykyforchyn – Horticulture Foreman
Gerry Turner – Chaisson Pond Sponsor
Shirley O'Grady – Irish Monument Representative
Richard Jenkins – Butterfly Garden Representative
Heather Thompson – Teacher's Monument Representative.

Minutes:

The City of Peterborough met with the representatives today to discuss maintenace issues regarding Millenium Park.

Shirley spoke with Al regarding planting around the Irish monument.

Action Item: Al agreed not to use tall plants that would prevent viewing of the inscription on the monument.

Action Item: Al agreed to plant yellow flowers and shorter grasses in the flower bed next year.

Shirley indicated that the Rose of Tralee park sign has been damaged and would like it repaired.

Action Item: Phil will look into who, where, and when this can be repaired.

The group of representatives indicated that the brush along the river could be thinned out to allow a more asthetic view from the park.

Action Item: Phil will have the forestry crew, during the winter, prune out some of the scrub trees along the entire shoreline within the park.

Gerry indicated to Al that the blank areas around the Chaisson Pond need planting to fill in the blank areas and make it more attractive.

Action Item: Al will plant more junipers in the bare areas and continue transplanting perennials from other gardens to the bare areas within Millenium Park.

Gerry and Al discussed the Chaisson Pond and some improvements that have been made. Al discussed a concrete ledge that has been exposed due to failure of landscape rocks not staying in place.

Action Item: Al will install limestone blocks to cover the exposed formed concrete next year.

The group of representatives discussed the need to prune back the shrubs and even removing some sumac at the north side of the trail near the King St. entrance.

Action Item: Phil will have the forestry crew remove a sumac and prune down shrubs in this area.

The group of representatives indicated the edge of the garden south of the King St. entrance has been damaged. Al indicated it was caused by vehicles entering the park.

Action Item: Phil will purchase limestone to edge the garden and prevent further vehicle damage. Al will plant behind the new limestone to fill in the bare area. This will be completed in 2014.

The group of representatives indicted the trees and shrubs along the walkway between King St. entrance and the Silver Bean Café needs pruning down, in, and even some removed.

Action Item: Phil will have the forestry crew in to prune down the shrubs, prune in the shrubs and remove undesired new trees this winter.

The group of representatives indicated the trees at the intersection of walkways just outside the Silver Bean Café need to be pruned back and even remove invasive trees that do not complement the area.

Action Item: Phil will have the forestry crew prune back the trees and remove unwanted invasive trees in this area this winter.

Heather Thompson indicated the area around the Teacher's Monument has overgrown. The sumacs present on the southwest side of the monument should be removed. The bare spots in front of the monument should be filled with perennials. The junipers are overgrown and should be removed and replanted. Heather indicated there was forty plus species of perennials planted and most have been removed or overgrown by other plants. Heather indicated she would send me the list of perennials originally planted.

Action Item: Al will remove overgrown junipers and replant new junipers next year (2014). Al will also look at the list of perennials that heather has supplied and plant new perennials next year. Al will remove or prune down overgrown perennials around the monument. Phil will have the forestry crew remove the sumacs on the southwest side of the monument this winter.

Action Item: Phil will assign an employee to work at the park for the summer of 2014 to keep the maintenance continuous and continue this practice beyond 2014.