

**LEWIS PARK DEVELOPMENT**  
**January 24, 2006**  
**7:00 pm - Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal Council Chambers**

**MINUTES**

Gail Caslick	Ripley Business Community	A
Fran Farrell	Ripley Horticulture Society	A
Ann Finlayson	Ripley Horticulture Society	P
Wilfréd Gamble	Township of Huron-Kinloss Council	A
Bob Harris	Ripley & District Lions Club	P
Wally Houston	Ripley Legion	P
Joye Hunt	Friends of Ripley	P
Keith Van Der Hoek		P
Shawn Carney		A
Ruth Dalton		P
Mike Fair	Facility, Parks & Recreation Supt.	A
Sonya Watson	Clerk	P
Mary Rose Walden	Administrator	P

1. Trees & Shrubs

Martin Quinn will be providing a presentation.

Keith Van Der Hoek will report on the cost of removing the Walnut trees.

**ACTION:** The committee welcomed Martin Quinn and he proceeded with his presentation. Martin had layed out a very detailed plan for the flower gardens that would be attractive from the outside and inside of the park. He also described the beds as an educational venue, for schools, the horticultural society and tourists. He designed the beds with a historical connotation, Lewis Park being name after the Lewis Settlers. The beds he proposed would consist of five beds that would be 47 ½ ft long x 10 ft wide. This would cover approximately 250 ft with walking paths to go between the beds. The middle garden would be a feature garden and would be connected with the Lewis heritage, preferably a Knot garden, he is continuing to try and find a picture of the Lewis Knot. Plans were distributed to each committee member outlining the proposal. All the plants should have name plates. He would prefer to used older varieties, and involving the horticultural community many of the plants could be found in home gardens. If we were to have to purchase all the plants the cost would be approximately \$4595.00 for all the flowers. The preparation and soil for the beds would be an additional cost but would hopefully be done with volunteers. If the plants were purchased from Martin he would help in the plant placement and oversee the planting process. He suggested adding new soil and manure and raising the beds. If we are planting around the walnuts then we should be testing the soil.

Keith reported that at least three of the nine walnut trees are dead. The other walnuts are past their useful stage as far as sale of the wood. Keith reported that he had a logger who would take down all nine trees in the spring and would give back \$400.00. The stumps would still need to be removed. Keith would be responsible for cleaning up and removing the tree tops.

**ACTION:** Joye will provide Martin with the Lewis "cluster" that can be used in the middle feature garden. Martin will re-design the garden with this Lewis "cluster" in mind. The committee agreed to propose taking down all nine walnut trees at once as long as a plan was in place to plant new trees. Once a plan and layout is developed we will proceed with an open house so the community is aware the trees will be coming down and that there are new trees proposed. Members agreed the new trees would be placed behind the new flower beds. Mary Rose will be getting the side lot stakes located to ensure where our lot line is, to develop the plan. Mary Rose will ask Matt Farrell if he will design a drawing of the proposed ideas for Lewis Park so we have a plan to go by. The plan can be implemented in various phases.

2. Lights in the Park

Shawn was to bring back some information on lighting methods that could be used for along the pathways.

Sonya Watson will bring back a per linear foot price on patterned concrete.

**ACTION:** The information Shawn had found was presented. Lighting will be further discussed once a plan is in place. The cost of the patterned concrete pathways was \$10.00 per lineal foot. The quote was given my C & M Construction and included them preparing the base and installing the sidewalks and repairing the grass afterwards. The committee is going to look into various options including asphalt, and stone dust once a plan is in place. Sonya is to inquire and report further on the slipperiness of the patterned concrete.

3. Clock Designs

Sonya will get further pricing on a two sided clock that chimes or plays music that will be incorporated into the stone work in the entrance way.

**ACTION:** Sonya went through the information from Verdin Clocks. Two 3' clocks with clock lighting, master clock controller and final installation would be \$9, 470.00 U.S. The committee will look at this further once a plan has been established. This may be incorporated in one of the final phases.

4. Grants available from Bruce Power and Trillium

Joye will look further into the deadline dates for each of these grants.

Joye reported that Bruce Power rarely gets involved in giving grants for work on municipal property. However if the grant was geared more towards safety and education and putting in the fencing then it may be eligible. The education component of the flowerbeds may also qualify. There was also a discussion of the possibility of Suncor donating to the project. This will be looked at further into the project.

**ACTION:** Joye will investigate the possibilities with Bruce Power. Mary Rose will be looking into a grant from Green streets Canada. Joye will be investigating a grant from Manualife Financial further. If buy in from the community was obtained, we may be able to have the Service Clubs assist in fundraising.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm, next meeting February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 pm