

Landscape Committee Meeting Minutes - May 11, 2025

Members present include Jeanette Kootaka, Diane Rivard, Roy Lawrenz, new member Nancy Schuette, and BJ Douglass, chairperson.

Landscape projects for 2025 were briefly discussed. They include fertilizing and watering of plantings, the need for fresh mulch in most beds and around the columns in the prayer garden, the removal of the rocks around each bed to facilitate the removal of weeds that grow in and around the rocks, eliminate the danger of workers' tripping and falling, and to enhance the appearance of the beds; the removal and relocation of the spruce tree from its proximity to the well, as required by the well inspector; the replacement of plants that died out during the winter; and the donation of a forsythia shrub to the church by friends of Jennifer Jandt.

Earl Macha, who could not attend this meeting, has had discussions with the farm owner on the west side of the church regarding the wooden fence along the property line and has been given permission to add a third rail to the top of the fence. The Men's Group has expressed interest in working on this project with the goal of improving the appearance of the west parking area.

Spring cleanup of the beds and initial weed treatment has been accomplished by Jeanette, Diane, and BJ. Pruning of shrubs and placing the benches into the prayer garden was done by Jack Rabe. The 3 soaker hoses were placed in the prayer garden strips, a new oscillating sprinkler will improve our ability to water the beds, and the water pressure was found to be much improved following the work on the well.

As three of our members were not present, those present were asked to consider each of the proposed projects and decisions will be taken at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by BJ Douglass