

CONSULTATION WITH DR. FEATHER REGARDING BELMONT AVENUE
November 2, 2011

Residents of Belmont Avenue and Park Street have requested that the Village provide additional visual and noise screening from buildings and traffic on Wisconsin Avenue. As well, general improvements in the right of way along Belmont Avenue have been requested.

Dr. Tolbert Feather, the Village Arborist, was asked for guidelines to provide these requests.

They are as follows:

1. Since evergreens should not be planted in the fall because they cannot survive severe cold weather all planting would be done in the spring.
2. Because the area is in shade, which precludes planting arbutus and some other evergreens, he recommends cryptomeria, hollies (Nellie Steven and Foster), tall yews, and perhaps a few shade loving viburnum. Other evergreens will be considered such as Leland cypress.
3. This fall leaves should be removed and grass cut. Dr. Feather will then flag where and what will be planted. The big tree stump will be removed, several almost dead and dead trees have been removed and several sick dogwoods may have to be removed.

Regarding other suggested improvements such as planting bulbs and perennial flowers this has generally been up to a park's neighbors. For example, except for a couple of small trees, all the plantings in the Hesketh Street right of way have been provided by neighbors, who also pick up trash.