

Beautification Commission Minutes
July 19,2017
Held at Elk Rapids Government Center
315 Bridge St.
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Call to order: 9:00 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Pat Stites, Members: Barbara Termaat, Paula Moyer, Trisha Perlman (council representative), Margaret LeBlond, Sonja Perry

Excused: Cecelia (Cupie) Gnad, Janine Micunek

Conflict of interest: None

Citizens Comments: None

Approval of 5/17/17

Minutes

Corrections: Spelling of Dianne and Terrace, DDA members expressed support and offered to help seek grants for Terrace Garden, Termaat suggested creating a task force to develop an overall plan for the lower stretch of the Elk River that the Terrace Garden plan can align to

M/S

**Motion to approve May minutes as discussed today
Termaat/Perry Motion Carried**

Approval of 6/21/17

Minutes

Corrections: Spelling of Stites, Sonja, Termaat, Gnad and Mugho; Termaat suggested creating a task force to develop an overall plan for the lower stretch of the Elk River that the Terrace Garden plan can align to; Balance \$17,522.05; Total \$2820.22

M/S

**Motion to approve June minutes as discussed today
Termaat/Perry Motion Carried**

Financial Report:	Budget for 2017-2018	\$20,527.00
	Iva's North Arrowhead	\$ 1,564.04

This is the only money that
Rolls over as it is a donation

Balance as of 7/19/2017 \$15,620.41

Balance North Arrowhead \$1,564.04

Approval of Bills: Barker Creek Nursery \$1210.53
Garden work in median

Northern MI Tree Doctor \$164.00
2 tree sprays

Total \$1,374.53

M/S **Motion to pay bills**
LeBlond/Moyer **Motion carried**

Garden Club Report: Jane Hamilton presented progress and work to be done in the Blue Star Garden, discussion of proposed work and safety concerns

Robyn Van Colen, Commission members and Brad Kluczynski discussed progress and work to be done in gardens. Van Colen requested all garden concerns be presented at the Commission meeting or in writing to her

Old Business: Discussion of changes to the Beautification Commission By-Laws:
Add "BYLAWS" under BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
Article II-A: remove "first"
Article III-A: replace "second" with "third" and remove "each month" and add "April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November"
Article III-J: add "6. Council Report"; change 7. DPW, 8. Old Business, 9. New Business, 10. Communications, 11. Adjournment

Secretary has noted to change Correspondence to Communications on future agendas

M/S **Motion to approve updated By-Laws with amendments**
discussed today and noted by secretary
Termaat/Perry **Motion carried**

Council Report: Trisha Perlman spoke about Village Council developments and discussions, including a grant for a green infrastructure bio-swale project

DPW Report: Brad Kluczynski updated the commission on the recent tree planting and various DPW projects

New Business: Releaf Michigan has requested pictures from the tree-planting project. They will be asked to present a tree pruning class for interested individuals

Discussion of creating a task force in September to develop an overall plan for the Elk River bank from the Cedar St. bridge to the bay with representatives from the Beautification Commission, DDA, Parks and Rec, Harbor Commission and Green ER. Termaat will organize the task force. Commission members agreed to further clarify the concept, scope and appropriate naming at the August meeting

Communications: A note and phone call of appreciation for planting trees and work in the gardens

A letter from Wally Hibbard requesting native trees be planted in the village; a thank you note will be sent

Adjourn: 10:32

M/S

**Motion to adjourn
Moyer/LeBlond**

Motion Carried