

Beautification Commission Minutes
8/16/2017
Held at Elk Rapids Government Center
315 Bridge St.
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

Call to order: 9:13 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Pat Stites, Members: Barbara Termaat, Paula Moyer, Margaret LeBlond, Sonja Perry, Janine Micunek

Excused: Cecilia Gnadt

Conflict of interest: None

**Approval of 7/19/17
Minutes:**

M/S **Motion to approve minutes
LeBlond/Perry** **Motion Carried**

Public Comments: Caroline Kennedy provided training regarding the Basics of the Michigan Open Meetings Act

Approval of Bills:

M/S **Motion to pay bills to TNT and Elk Lake Florist
Perry/ Termaat** **Motion carried**

Old Business: By-Laws turned in and will be on website soon

Pruning class scheduled for 9/13/17 at 9:00 am at Government Center, everyone welcome. Perry requested the class be taped if possible and Stites would see if a spring class would be possible for those that cannot make this class.

Committee on river bank: A committee with representatives from Beautification Commission, DDA, Parks and Rec, Harbor Commission and Green ER cannot be under the Beautification Commission authority

M/S

Motion to discuss the concept of guidelines for the river between the cedar bridge and the bay

Termaat/Moyer

Motion carried

Discussion on river bank and size and scope of a citizen's advisory committee

M/S

Motion to create an ad hoc committee that focuses on that stretch of river and whatever ordinances apply that may have general implications long term

Termaat/no second

Motion did not carry

Garden Club Report: Robyn Van Colen discussed progress and work to be done in various gardens

M/S

**Motion to discuss Blue Star garden project
Perry/Termaat**

Motion carried

Discussed Commission approval of all work presented by the Garden Club to be done in the garden next spring

M/S

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Blue Star garden crew to get started on their redesign

Perry/LeBlond

Motion carried

DPW Report:

Brad Kluczynski updated the commission on various DPW projects, flag pole replacement and dead tree replacement. Iron treatment plant is up and running.

New Business:

No further work is planned for the Terrace Garden

Island tree: the Library has been given a tree in honor of the State Library's 150th anniversary and has asked the Commission to choose a tree and where to plant it; Stites and LeBlond will follow up

Communications:

Letter from Tim Moller, member of the Committee to Preserve our Island House

M/S

Motion to discuss letter

Perry/LeBlond

Motion carried

Discussed Commission involvement in making a recommendation to the Village Council regarding the Library project

M/S

Motion to send a letter to thank Mr. Moller, that there has not been any formal plan for the library that we are aware of and the Commission will wait to see what that plan is before we have further discussion with him present

Perry/LeBlond

Motion carried

Adjourn:

11:05

M/S

Motion to adjourn

Perry/LeBlond

Motion Carried