

Beautification Commission Minutes
June 21, 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: Cecelia (Cupie) Gnadt, Paula Moyer, Janine Micunek, Trisha Perlman (Council Representative), Margaret LeBlond, Sonja Perry

Excused: Barbara Termaat

Conflict of interest: None

Public Comments Bill Cooper asked if the By-Laws were completed; Commission will make it a priority to finish them

**Approval of 5/17/17
Minutes**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes to correct the spelling of the following names: Termaat, Gnadt, Richter Perry/Gnadt** **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes under public comments to change the wording to “protecting riparian watershed buffers”**
LeBlond/Gnadt **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes under planting spring trees to change the word “by” to “is” and 9:00 to 8:30**
LeBlond/Perry **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes under By-laws to correct the spelling of beautification, change committee to commission and add the wording “same by-laws structure used by” the Harbor Commission**
LeBlond/Perry **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes under Terrace Garden to change committee to commission and list specific improvements to be made by Barker Creek this summer**
1. Pruning hedge along fence (Alpine Currant) no more than 18” / Landscape Labor
2. Pruning 3 overgrown Mugho Pine / landscape Labor
3. Removing Invasive Barberry and filling in hole to relevel area / Landscape materials
4. Pruning existing Native Ninebark / Landscape Materials
LeBlond/Gnadt **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to amend the minutes to include the recommendations Termaat made to create a task force to develop an overall plan for the lower stretch of the Elk River that the Terrace Garden plan can align to**
Perry/Gnadt **Motion carried**

M/S **Motion to accept the corrections and changes the Beautification Commission made today for the May minutes and review those changes at the Commission meeting in July**
Perry/LeBlond **Motion carried**

**Request by Friends
Of the Library** Susan Caulkins, Friends Chair, with Cathy Wally, Friends fundraiser Chair, presented the Library’s Strategic Planning Commission plans to approach all local groups to seek input on how the library can collaborate with the groups to provide services. A survey was given to Commission members to fill out and return to the library

