

Beautification Commission
Minutes of Meeting April 18, 2018
Held at Elk Rapids Government Center
315 Bridge St
Elk Rapids, Michigan

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Chairman Pat Stites, Barb Termaat, Sonja Perry, Janine Micunek, Sandy Ehlers

Excused: Margaret LeBlond

Conflict of Interest: None

Approval of 11/15/2017

Minutes: No Corrections needed.

M/S

**Motion to approve minutes with no changes
Ehlers/Perry**

Motion carried

Public Comments: None

Financial Report: \$20,415 annual budget. Question on details of how to handle Iva's Garden separate budget with rollover, there is an \$1800 gap to address in this budget item with the Village Office.

Approval of Bills: No bills

Garden Club Report: Preparing for the new growing season, for ex. Clearing debris, mulching and tree trimming. Will install new sign for Iva's Garden this year. \$100 requested by the Guild Garden for the destruction caused by The RV driver has not been received. Terrace Garden landing at sidewalk level, 1 proposal received thus far; annuals only investment this growing season given anticipated changes.

Blue Star Garden will see major improvements in coordination with DPW this season, especially help with creating berm and boat placement on berm. Beautification will fund top soil.

Old Business: Fiscal year 2017: gave funds back to Village.
Posts and chains need to be installed around downtown trees this year to stop the iron grates from girdling the trees.
Beautification Commission member Sonja Perry is working with Kay Goodall on the updating of a new 2018 brochure. Kay has generously given her time and expertise to help us create a new brochure and the Commission will be thinking of a way to thank Kay for her work.

Council Report: None.

DPW Report: None. (Brad ill)

New Business: May 6 at 6pm, Village commission Showcase event; Beautification key points for presentation discussed.

No tree plantings this spring, DPW is designated lead this year on obtaining and planting trees. Resident idea to move ice skating rink to Rotary Park would not disturb Gardens and seems to have many positive outcomes. Will refer them to Parks & Recreation Commission for further consideration.

We are excited to hear about planned improvements for the Veteran's Memorial area in the Park. Beautification can help with labor.

Correspondence:

Letter received regarding \$1,000 from Allen-Birge Foundation for Iva's Garden. Thank you letter sent acknowledging generous gift.

Communications Form request to review tree cutting policy by Village Council received. Pat replied verbally to the Village that we reference recommendations in the Village expert analysis report done several years ago. Pat will discuss next step with Village Manager. The current process concern by residents was regarding a tree cutting/planting effort led by the DPW. Resident communications regarding upcoming tree removal plans would be helpful.

M/S

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Moyer / Micunek

Motion carried