

Beautification Commission Minutes  
May 17, 2017  
Held at Elk Rapids Government Center  
315 Bridge St.  
Elk Rapids, MI 49629

**Call to order:** 10:00 am

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Chairman Pat Stites, Members: Cecilia (Cupie) Gnad, Barbara Termaat, Paula Moyer, Janine Micunek, Trisha Perlman (Council Representative), Margaret LeBlond, Sonja Perry

**Excused:** None

**Conflict of interest:** None

**Approval of 4/19/17 Minutes** Corrections: Spelling of Cecilia and Sonja

**M/S** **Motion to approve April Minutes Termaat/Perry** **Motion Carried**

**Public Comments:** Dianne Richter discussed the importance of protecting riparian watershed buffers

**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 5/17/2017 \$19,164.09

Balance North Arrowhead \$1,564.04

**Approval of Bills:** Garden Goods \$676.04  
Spring Cleanup

Kyms Copies \$6.00  
Pictures of Terrace Garden

Total \$682.04

**M/S** **Motion to approve Financial Report and pay bills Gnad/Perry** **Motion carried**

**Old Business:** Planting of spring trees is set for June 17. Volunteers to meet at 8:30 am at DPW offices on Lake St. for further instructions

Meeting time set at 9:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month

**M/S** **Motion to approve 9:00 am meeting time Moyer/Gnad** **Motion Carried**

Assignment of gardens to Commission members

By-Laws: Beautification Commission will follow the same By-Laws structure used by the Harbor Commission

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

Terrace Garden: the Commission discussed Barker Creek bid and agreed to a simple, easy care garden plan using native plants. The Commission determined 4 areas of improvement to be completed this summer by Barker Creek, per invoice:

1. Pruning hedge along fence (Alpine Currant) no more than 18" / Landscape Labor
2. Pruning 3 overgrown Muhgo Pine / landscape Labor
3. Removing Invasive Barberry and filling in hole to relevel area / Landscape materials
4. Pruning existing Native Ninebark / Landscape Materials

**M/S** **Motion to cap Barker Creek bid at \$1,000 and approve 4 areas of improvement to be completed this summer, per invoice**  
**Amended motion LeBlond/Gnadt** **Motion carried**

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

**Council Report:** Trisha Perlman spoke to recent developments and discussions of the village council

**DPW Report:** Brad Kluczynski DPW Superintendent updated the commission on the works in progress on various garden projects

**New Business:** Time line of planting of marigolds will be emailed to the Commission

Storing geranium pots for next year will be coordinated by DPW

**Adjourn:** 11:55

**M/S** **Motion to adjourn**  
**Gnadt/LeBlond** **Motion carried**