

**Beautification Commission Minutes
September 19, 2018**

Present: Pat Stites, Sonja Perry, Sandy Ehlers, Janine Micunek, Susan Green, Margaret LeBlond, and Village Manager Bill Cooper

Excused: Lori Caruso

Guests: Robyn Shank

Call to order: 9:00 a.m.

Conflict of Interest: None

Minutes of August 15, 2018: Motion by Perry with second by Ehlers to approve as amended to show Beautification Commission members might meet for breakfast at T.J.'s at 8 a.m. followed with the formal meeting to be held at the Governmental Center at 9 a.m. Discussion. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

2018 – 2019 B.C. Budget	\$20,550.00	
Expenses to date	6,633.30	
Balance 9/14/18	13,916.70	
Iva's North Arrowhead		\$2,545.05

Bills to Pay:

Pine Hill Nursery, tree for Traverse St. Parking Lot	76.00
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Motion by Ehlers with second by Perry to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$76.00. Discussion. Motion carried.

Garden Club Report:

Robyn Shank said she would have the Garden Club 2019 budget to present to B.C. at our October meeting. The large boulder in the Yuchasz Walkway has been moved and is ready for the memorial plaque. The Zupin/Anderson Garden has been cleaned out and waits for a bridge inspection. A sign giving the history of the boat is planned for the Blue Star Garden as well as more fish to be added in the spring. Iva's North Arrowhead will ask Zimmerman to prune the Fern Leaf Beech tree. The large Maple tree near the Island House and Guild Garden is dying and must be removed.

Old Business:

Chairman Stites commented that Releaf Michigan came to assess the 50 trees we had planted. Not even one tree has died. It was suggested that we plant higher as our soil is sandy and trees tend to sink. She also stated that the water bags should be periodically moved. Mike's Tree Service will be coming to cut down several dead trees. Planning continues on planting boxes for the U.S.31 Bridge with Beautification to supply the plants. Better Yards & Gardens has cut down the Cat Mint along Memorial Park and will work in the Yuchasz Walkway.

The Greening Elk Rapids Meeting held last Monday was poorly attended. They will return next month and do a presentation for Beautification concerning storm water runoff. Chairman Stites reported they offered many interesting ideas for Elk Rapids to consider including tree boxes for River St. and a rain garden in Memorial Park where water runs into the river.

New Business:

Chairman Stites asked for help in compiling the B.C. budget for 2019-2020. Perry agreed to lend assistance.

Report from Council:

Village Manager Cooper announced Council had approved the expansion of the Library. However, there should not be a noticeable impact to the island for a year or so. No site plan has yet been submitted to the Planning Commission.

DPW Report:

Supervisor Kluczynski was unable to attend but will meet with Chairman Stites later in the day.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: Motion by Perry and Ehlers to adjourn at 9:44a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret LeBlond, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018