

## Beautification Commission Meeting Minutes August 19, 2020

1. **Call to order** and Pledge of Allegiance by Sonja Perry
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Perry, Green, Hatch, Shank, Kevin from DPW and Cooper. Basar was absent.
3. **Minutes:** Approved July 15 meeting
4. **Public Comment-** none

### 5. **Sharon Lanier, President of the Elk Rapids Garden Club**

The Elk Rapids gardens were started in 1935. Sharon gave us a report and updates of the Garden Club. The Garden club joined the Michigan Garden Club and became a National member in 1946. There are 80 clubs and the National meetings are 2x a year. The garden club volunteers spend 900 hours a year working on the gardens. This saves the Village \$13,000 a year. The GC has limited resources and is asking the Beautification Commission if we could cover their annual costs. A **Motion** was made by Green and seconded by Harvey to include the GC request in the Beautification budget. **The motion was approved.**

**6. Financial Report-** A bill of \$12.99 was submitted by Paula George for supplies and a bill from The Tree Dr for \$236 for spraying. The **motion** to approve was made by Shank and seconded by Green. **The motion was approved.**

**7. Community Garden Report by Robyn Shank-** the Yuchasz Walk Through Garden needs a shrub replaced and Robyn ask for permission to use some money left over to replace this.

### 8. **Beautification Gardens-**

**Median Garden-** Sonja is going to get in touch with Barker Creek, 1- we have not gotten a bill for the plantings and 2-the median is overgrown and in need of attention.

**Boardwalk Garden-** We discussed putting a bench here that is in existence. The bench was donated by the Guntzviller's for the beach last year and was removed because of high water.

**9. OLD Business-** We still are in discussion about the **Terrace Garden**. Sonja and Robyn are going over to Harbor drive and figure out plants to replace the Bayberry bushes. A **motion** was made by Harvey and seconded by Green to approve funds to replace the trees and plantings on Harbor Drive. **The Motion was approved.**

**10- New Business-** 5 trees have been selected for replacement in the downtown and 3 for other streets as well as approval for plantings along Harbor drive. Jean brought up Handrail and Charcoal Grill maintenance in the park but that falls under Parks and Recs.

**11- Report from Council-** Bill Cooper informed us that the DDA got a grant to make Rainwater Gardens on the bump-out parking areas down along River Street down by the park.

The meeting was adjourned-. **Next Meeting is September 16**

Respectfully submitted by Susan Harvey