

MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

CALL TO ORDER BY: Chairman Clar at 6:02 PM. in the City Hall Community Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Betti Pool, Kathie Brown, Alex Clar, Robert Levine, JoAnn Rowland

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jarel Readous, Jawahar Babu

OTHERS PRESENT: Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison, Mark Saksewski, Farmington Hills Senior Engineer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Clar, second by Rowland to approve the agenda as amended, moving Item 8A under New Business to follow Item 4 to allow presenter to leave the meeting early, and adding ECL update to Old Business as Item D. Motion carried: 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Clar, second by Rowland, to approve the minutes of August 20, 2024 as submitted. Motion carried: 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Received the BCSEM Fall Newsletter and Oakland Conservation District Fall Native Plant Sale notice.
2. Received resignation letters from long-time Commissioners Rita Roberts and Betti Pool.
3. Citizens needed to fill the resignations, unfilled positions and absent commissioners.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR

1. Pool recommended that Fall Plant Swaps be eliminated due to poor attendance. Motion by Clar, second by Rowland to remove the Fall Plant Swap from the 2025 calendar. Motion carried: 5-0.
2. Motion by Clar, second by Brown to approve the 2025 Beautification Commission meeting dates as presented. Motion carried: 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. DPS - Road Millage Renewal
 1. FH Public Services Sr. Engineer Mark Saksewski made a presentation and answered questions.
 2. Levine suggested changing the map colors for those who are visually impaired.

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Plant Swap Results
 1. Turnout was poor with only 6 cars.
 2. Spring Swap has many more participants.
- B. BCSEM 2025 Quarterly Meeting Update
 1. Brown shared venue pricing and room information comparing Longacre House and the Huron River Club for the June 12, 2025 BCSEM meeting.

2. Motion by Clar, second by Rowland to approve the Huron River Club as the venue for the June 12, 2025 BCSEM meeting. Motion carried: 5-0
- C. BC Awards
1. Motion by Levine, second by Brown to approve Ashlie Smith from Heritage Nature Center for the Awards presentation. Motioned carried: 5-0
 2. Commissioner Roles for the Awards Ceremony
 - a) Reception Table – Pool and Roberts, Staff
 - b) Welcome - Clar
 - c) Introduce Presenter - Clar
 - d) Awards Narrator – Brown
 - e) Awards table - ?
 - f) Commissioners Award – Pool
 - g) Closing Comments - Clar
 - h) Sign Table – Pool and Clar, Staff
 - a. Center pieces, linens discussed.
 - b. Motion by Clar, second by Brown to approve GEX menu as presented, dessert provided by Commission. Motion carried: 5-0
 - c. Rehearse presentation at October 15th BC meeting, ceremony on October 17th.
- D. Plymouth Township Environmental Leadership Commission (ECL) Update
1. Levine reported he met with Ben Kronk from ECL. Mr. Kronk expressed that the ECL is reaching out to other cities regarding project collaboration and suggested that FH BC attend a next meeting. Projects unclear at this point. Levine suggested shared Litter Walks centered around Earth Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 15, 2024

MEETING ADJOURNED BY: Chair Clar at 7:49 PM.