

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

9:00 AM

Larcom City Hall, 301 E Huron St, First floor, south conference
room

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Staff Present: Matt Waldsmith, Forestry Supervisor; Hillary Hanzel, Landscape Architect

Present 5 - Benjamin Maier Muth, Ken Westerman, R. Donald Wortman, Elisabeth Merrill C. Dudley, and Tiffany Giacobazzi

Absent 1 - Edith Bletcher

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Westerman moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Wortman. Motion passed.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Westerman moved to amend the 06.11.19 Meeting Minutes to change:

- #3 to include "agenda be approved with the addition of Davey tree trimming;"

- #4 to correct spelling of "approved;" and

- #5.Item B to change "motioned" to "moved."

Wortman seconded. Motion approved with changes.

[19-1518](#) EDFC Meeting Minutes 06.11.19

5. **BUSINESS**

[19-1517](#) Staff Liaison Report 08.13.19

#2: Vet's Park Soldier Row

Hillary Hanzel, Landscape Architect presented the committee with 3 options:

A: Install a single row of new large shade trees on the park side of the sidewalk;

B: Install a double row of new large shade trees on the park side of the sidewalk;

C: Install a row of new large shade trees on both sides of the sidewalk.

Westerman moved to accept Option C, keeping the existing crab apple trees and installing large shade trees on either side of the sidewalk. Wortman seconded. Motion passed.

Committee discussed with staff the options for installation and post-planting care. Staff recommended this be installed by a contractor. Committee members agreed.

Wortman moved to approve a project budget, not to exceed \$20,000.00 to contract Vet's Park Solider Row planting. Westerman seconded. Motion passed.

Tree species. the committee recommends staff consider grouping swamp white oak, grouping London planetree, and grouping red maple. However, the committee is comfortable with letting staff make the final decision on species. Ben Muth, encourages staff to consider incorporating oak trees in the design to tie in with other tree plantings on site and to leave a long-lived legacy from the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee at this location.

#4: Tappen Middle School Planting along Stadium at Brockman Blvd.

Committee would like to see the potential 6 vacant planting sites filled this fall if trees were not planted during the Spring 2019 tree planting.

Wortman moved to plant trees along Stadium and Brockman Blvds, not to exceed \$4,000.00. Seconded by Westerman. Motion passed.

Burns Park American Elm Tree

A large 40 inch diameter American elm tree was recently pruned by DTE due to line clearance issues. Staff are concerned the tree is now very susceptible to Dutch elm disease (DED). Staff recommends immediate treatment of this tree for protections against DED.

Wortman moved to inject and treat the elm tree at Wells Street and Baldwin Avenue for DED prevention immediately as needed. Westerman seconded. Motion passed.

[19-1504](#) 2019.08.05 Budget Report

19-1527 Budget Report & Project Breakdown 08.13.19

Committee already requested the funds remaining from FY19 be rolled over to FY20. \$34,760.22 will be rolled over. Staff are working with Finance to see that this gets moved as requested.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM 1. COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Committee members will continue to reach out to those that they think might be interested in sitting on the EDFC.

ITEM 2. EDFC CHAIRPERSON

Committee tabled this discussion until all current committee members are present.

7. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Current Projects Updates*
- 2. Potential Project recommendations.*
- 3. Committee Chairperson selection.*

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

Westerman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.. Seconded by Westerman. Meeting adjourned.

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