

**Dean Fund Committee Meeting
December 11, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.
Guy C. Larcom City Hall – 1st floor South Conference Room
301 E. Huron St., Ann Arbor
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben Muth called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Edith Bletcher, Monica Milla, Ben Muth, Sue Perry, Ken Westerman

Members Absent: Don Wortman, Merrill Dudley

Staff Present: Kerry Gray

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Edi Bletcher requested the addition of SB1188 – tree removal bills to agenda.

Kerry Gray requested the addition of staff update to agenda.

Ken Westerman moved to approve December 11, 2018 agenda as amended; **Monica Milia seconded the motion.** Committee unanimously approved.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Westerman moved to approve November 20, 2018 meeting minutes; **Ms. Milia seconded the motion.** Committee unanimously approved.

IV. BUSINESS

1. FY19 Budget and Project Update

Kerry Gray provided an update on projects funded in FY 19 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019).

2. Discussion Item #1: FY19 Project Ideas

- a. **Tappan School on Stadium** - Staff updated committee that the ROW extension is too narrow to support street trees in this section of Stadium. This is room on school property but the Dean Fund Committee cannot plant on school property.
- b. **Scio Church Median** – construction project to be completed in late spring/early summer. City Engineering recommends that any tree planting projects in the median be completed in fall 2019.
- c. **Northside STEAM – Arbor Day Planting** – **Mr. Muth** contacted the Northside STEAM school and they would like the DFC to visit the school and discuss ways to partner with the Committee.
- d. **Parks** – Committee would like to look at providing trees in parks, particularly around play structures and areas where families congregate. These areas lost ash trees and many have not been replanted. Coordinate with Parks and Recreation to identify locations for tree planting in parks.

3. SB188 – Tree Removal Bills - Senator Casperson introduced which reads:

Sec. 5. (1) A local unit of government shall not adopt, maintain, or, for violations occurring on or after July 1, 2017, enforce an ordinance, charter provision, or regulation that does any of the following, and an ordinance, charter provision, or regulation that does any of the following is void:

(a) Prohibits, requires approval for, or otherwise restricts the trimming, felling, or removal of any vegetation, other than a heritage tree, located on private property with an agricultural, business, commercial, or industrial zoning classification.

(b) Requires mitigation, including, but not limited to, the planting of trees or other vegetation or the payment of a fee or fine, for the trimming, felling, or removal of any vegetation, other than a heritage tree, from private property with an agricultural, business, commercial, or industrial zoning classification.

The bill passed out of the Senate and was placed on the agenda of the House Local Government Committee. The Committee will be discussing the bill on December 11, it passes out of the Committee it will go to the full House for a vote.

4. Staff Update

Kerry Gray announced she will be leaving the City of Ann Arbor on January 2, 2019.

V. NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

January 8, 2019 Agenda Items

- Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Planning Coordinator vacancy

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Milia moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. **Mr. Westerman seconded.**

Dean Fund Budget Allocation - FY 19		
Activity #		
6317	Post Plant Care	\$ 12,000.00
6320	Trimming	\$ 12,000.00
6325	Stump Removal	\$ 1,800.00
6327	Tree Planting	\$ 24,000.00
6329	Tree Removals	\$ 10,200.00
	Total	\$ 60,000.00

Project Name	Approved Amount	Status
Vet's Park Project completion – landscape back bed	\$5,000.00	Approved 08/08/2017 – COMPLETE
Tree Trimming Main Street Dean Promenade from William to Liberty	\$5,000.00	Approved 07/10/2018 – COMPLETE
Post-planting Care	\$8,200.00	Approved 07/10/2018 - ON-GOING
Purchase Tree Guards	\$770.00	Approved 07/10/2018 – COMPLETE
Cable and Bracing Supplies	\$1,000.00	Approved 07/10/2018 – COMPLETE
Street Tree Planting: S Seventh St median from south entry drive at Pioneer High School to Scio Church.	\$10,000.00	Approved 10/23/2018 – to be completed Spring 2019
Tree injection of tree on Packard 2222 Packard St.	\$460.00	Approved 10/23/2018 – COMPLETE
Tree guards for newly planted trees	\$600.00	Approved 10/23/2018 -
Fall 2018 – staff street tree planting	\$15,000.00	Approved 10/23/2018 – COMPLETE
Tree injection of Wurster Park Black Oak	693.00	Approved 10/23/2018 - COMPLETE
Total	\$46,723.00	
FY2019 Budget	\$60,000.00	
Remaining Unencumbered Budget	\$13,277.00	

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