

# City of Ann Arbor

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairperson Wieland called the meeting to order at 9:05am.*

**ROLL CALL**

*Chairperson Richard Wieland – home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Brooks Curtis – home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Lynn Nybell – home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Robertson Davenport – Michigan Medicine, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Samuel Rosewig – Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor Charter Township, Washtenaw County*

*Staff present: Nicholas Jacob, Urban and Community Forester; Kyle Tite, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry; Paul Matthews, Public Works Manager; Jamie Pauline, Urban Forest Partnership and Outreach Coordinator*

**Present** 5 - Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Brooks Curtis, Samuel Rosewig, and Robert Davenport

**Absent** 2 - Kimberley Sundy, and David Penland

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Add:*

*- Barbara Lucas/Tree Town Urban Forest Team's proposal, immediately after Janet Osborn's proposal*

**Member Rosewig motioned to approve the agenda with the proposed change. Member Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*The notes for the section "How to Increase Tree Plantings While Reducing Damage and Park Maintenance Time" were accidentally omitted. This discussion comprised a substantial portion of the April meeting.*

*The April 2026 draft minutes will be updated with this content, then sent out to the members for review before being brought for a vote at the next meeting.*

**Member Nybell motioned to postpone the approval of the April 2026 meeting minutes until the next meeting. Member Curtis seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

[26-0815](#) Draft Meeting Minutes for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee - April 14th, 2026

## **BUSINESS**

### **Staff Report - Jamie Pauline**

*- Chairperson Wieland reports that the Green Fair will be September 18th.*

*- Pioneer High School/Arbor Day planting went well. The students seemed enthusiastic and engaged. Five trees - a hackberry, a London planetree, a Kentucky coffeetree, a ginkgo, and a sweetgum - were planted along the South Main side of the Pioneer High School property.*

*- LSNC Earth Day was well-attended, with an estimated table attendance of 250 people.*

*- Member Nybell would like to return to Pioneer High School for future collaboration.*

[26-0808](#) Staff Report for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee: May 12th, 2026

### **Proposal: Janet Osborn/West Liberty - Jamie Pauline**

*Janet Osborn requested EDFC funding of some tree replacements in the 600 block of W Liberty. Paul Matthews informed the committee that there is an upcoming water main replacement in the area of interest and advised that they hold off on planting until the work is done. The committee plans to vote on the proposal in the fall.*

[26-0811](#) Proposal Application for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee: Janet Osborn, April 2026

**Proposal: Barbara Lucas/Tree Town Urban Forest Team - Richard Wieland**

*Barbara Lucas of Tree Town Urban Forest Team (TTUF) requested funding for the purchase of tree guards. Chairperson Wieland had been in communication with Barbara and informed the committee that she had already purchased the guards. Committee members expressed approval for the idea and consternation over the prospect of reimbursements. Parks should also approve any work on Parks land before that work is done.*

**Chairperson Wieland motioned to reject the proposal. Member Curtis seconded. The motion to reject passed unanimously (5-0).**

[26-0834](#) Project Proposal Application for the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee: Barbara Lucas, May 4th, 2026

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure - Richard Wieland**

*Chairperson Wieland recently became a board member of CAN Washtenaw. The city has been made aware of this. So long as there is no personal financial gain by the chair or his relatives, he is not required to abstain from votes related to CAN, but said he likely will abstain in the future.*

**Bylaw Discussion - Richard Wieland**

*The committee is awaiting the updates to the bylaws mentioned in a previous meeting by Sarah Alanis. Of interest are the issues of member replacement and term limits. Pauline will inquire about the status of the update and the process for replacing Member Penland, who will be attending law school and not renewing his tenure.*

**Leslie Science Center - Phase 2 - Richard Wieland**

*Nicholas Jacob advises against blue spruce due to their susceptibility to needlecast. White pines become less bushy at the bottom as they mature, so if the goal is screening, he recommends Norway spruces or redcedar.*

*Member Davenport left the meeting at 9:55am. Member Rosewig left the meeting at 9:57am. Quorum was lost.*

**Chairman Wieland motioned to approve the allocation of \$4,000 for the planting of trees at Leslie Science and Nature Center. Member**

**Davenport seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).**

**May Budget Review - Richard Wieland**

*Chairperson Wieland reports that everything is on track.*

**26-0812** Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Longer Term Plan and Priorities - May 12th, 2026 - Version A

**Bicentennial Park Update - Jamie Pauline**

*Margolis has installed all the trees. The mulch is too high against the trunks, so Pauline will send the contractor back to rectify the issue.*

**Parks Project List - Jamie Pauline**

*Hillary Hanzel emailed Pauline with a list of potential EDFC investment opportunities at the following parks:*

- Mushroom Park (staff request)*
- Fuller Park (staff request)*
- Gallup Park Children's Fishing Pond (staff request)*
- Island Park (staff request)*
- Landsdowne Park (resident request)*
- Buhr Park (resident request)*

*As of now, contact has been lost with the two residents who submitted requests. Parks is trying to reestablish contact.*

**Golf Course Update - Jamie Pauline**

*Planting has not yet begun at the orchard. A start time needs to be coordinated between the golf course and the contractor. Once a work start date is established, Pauline will go to the orchard to mark all sites.*

**Elm Treatment Update - Jamie Pauline**

*Davey Tree anticipates treatment completion by the end of May, after the seeds have dropped.*

**Hikone Project Update - Jamie Pauline**

- *Many of the trees are believed to be Kwanzan cherries.*
  
- *Torey Madura, the initiator of the proposal, is no longer with CAN Washtenaw.*
  
- *Pauline is to reach out to the church along the east side of Hikone Road and loop in Chairperson Wieland.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)**

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*No comment was submitted in advance or made at the meeting.*

**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- *Application form*
  
- *Orchard updates*
  
- *Parks list - updates*
  
- *Minutes from April meeting*
  
- *Vets Park*
  
- *Bylaws update from clerk's office*
  
- *Maya Fineberg's proposal*
  
- *School projects*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Because quorum was lost, there was no vote for adjournment. The meeting concluded at 10:26am.*