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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Wieland called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

- Chairperson Wieland: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- Member Rosewig: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Member Rosewig joined the meeting at 9:15 AM and left the meeting at 10:20 AM. Quorum remained.*
- Member Curtis: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- Member Nybel: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- Member Sundy: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Member Sundy left the meeting at 10:30 AM. Quorum remained.*
- Member Penland: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

Note 1: Tiffany Giacobazzi is Staff Liaison and non-voting member of the committee.

Note 2: Jamie Pauline acted as Staff Liaison for this meeting.

Staff Present: Jamie Pauline, Forestry Intern; Nick Jacob, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry; Adam Fercho, Parks Planner

Present 7 - Tiffany Giacobazzi, Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Kimberley Sundy, Brooks Curtis, Samuel Rosewig, and David Penland

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Add Tree Warranty discussion

Wieland moved to approve the agenda as amended. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-1149](#) May 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Page 2: Equity-based Tree Planting Update

- replace the word "scrap" with "update."

Nybell moved to approve the May 14, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Introductions - Welcome David Penland

The committee is pleased to welcome David Penland as a new member. Thank you Member Penland for volunteering as a steward of Elizabeth Dean's legacy and gift to Ann Arbor's urban forest!

BUSINESS

Bicentennial Park - Adam Fercho

Adam Fercho, Park Planner, updated the committee on Bicentennial Park.

They have a contractor lined up to do the work. They are currently fundraising for this project as this park's updates will be privately funded and not paid for with Parks Millage dollars.

Parks has the following request to the committee:

Fund the planting of 13 2.5-inch caliper trees in the park. They request a 2-year warranty on the trees.

Staff will reach out to the city's tree planting contractor for a quote for the trees and a 2-year warranty.

Note: the trees will be planted in either Spring 2025 (FY2025 impact) or Fall 2025 (FY2026 impact). The committee has accounted for the budget impact in both fiscal years in their long-term planning document.

Wieland moved to support the Bicentennial Park project to plant 13 trees, not to exceed \$11,000.00. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Leslie Science and Nature Center - Adam Fercho

No update on this project at this time. Adam will return to the next meeting with an updated plan.

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-1153](#) June Staff Report

Budget Reports - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-1150](#) June Budget Report

[24-1151](#) June FY2024 Project & Budget Breakdown

[24-1152](#) June FY2025 Project & Budget Breakdown

3-Year Plan - Richard Wieland

Planting Contract Update - Tiffany Giacobazzi

The Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee and Forestry Street Tree planting contracts cannot be bundled. Retainage cannot be collected from the Elizabeth Dean Fund, and is required on Forestry contracts.

Mushroom Park Update - Tiffany Giacobazzi

Forestry reviewed the trees at Mushroom Park. The large white oak is too far gone to be worth further monetary investment. The Scotch pines are listed as invasive, so money cannot be spent on them unless it's to fund removal of the trees. The committee does not wish to commit funds to removal of the trees at this time.

Huron River Days Update - Richard Wieland

Members Nybell, Wieland, and Curtis staffed the table at the event. Attendance was lower this year due to construction at the usual venue and the consequent relocation of the event. Even so, there were a lot of people in attendance. Nybell recommends the committee network more with other related organizations.

Tree Warranty Discussion - Richard Wieland

Staff updated the committee on warranty inspections of the previous

fiscal year's tree planting projects.

Staff suggested one project the committee should consider is inspecting previous Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee planting projects and replacing trees that have subsequently died. The committee liked this idea. It will be considered for future planting projects in the long-range 3-year plan.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

*Equity-based Tree Planting Update
Fiscal 2024 Budget Review
Leslie Science and Nature Center
S. Maple Park
Past Project Tree Inspections*

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

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ADJOURNMENT

Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 AM. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.