

# City of Ann Arbor

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Ann Arbor, MI 48104

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## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairperson Wieland opened the meeting at 9:03 AM.*

**ROLL CALL**

- *Chairperson Wieland: participating remotely from Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Rosewig: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan. Member Rosewig left the meeting at 10:00 AM.*
- *Member Curtis: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Nybel: participating remotely from Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*
- *Member Sundry: participating remotely from Ann arbor, Washtenaw County, Michigan.*

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

*Staff Present: Jamie Pauline, Forestry Intern; Nick Jacob, Public Works Supervisor - Forestry.*

**Present** 6 - Tiffany Giacobazzi, Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Kimberley Sundry, Brooks Curtis, and Samuel Rosewig

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Additions to Agenda:*
- *Warranty discussion*
  - *Huron River Day*
  - *Date on the Agenda*

**Nybell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**24-0340** Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee February 6, 2024 meeting minutes

**Curtis moved to approve the February 6, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Rosewig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

[24-0544](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee March 12, 2024 meeting minutes

*Changes to March 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes:*

*- Add note: Not voted on due to lack of quorum.*

*- Add note to the Bicentennial: Awaiting response on required funding.*

**Curtis move to approve the March 12, 2024 meeting minutes as amended. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BUSINESS**

Staff Report - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-0597](#) April Staff Report

Budget Report & Updates - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-0545](#) April Budget Report

[24-0546](#) April Projects & Budget Breakdown

Spring Tree Planting Update - Tiffany Giacobazzi & Jamie Pauline

*Some of the trees planted in the past by the committee will come due for warranty inspections. The committee offers to inspect the trees at the one-year warranty period.*

Gallup Park Sign - Tiffany Giacobazzi

[24-0596](#) Gallup Park Interpretative Sign

**Nybell moved to approve the Gallup Park Elizabeth Dean Interpretive Sign plans as presented. Sundry seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

West Park Oak Treatment - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**24-0341** West Park Oak Treatment Quote

**Nybell moved to approve the treatment costs for the West Park oak tree, not to exceed \$1,107.00. Rosewig seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Buhr Park Miyawaki Forest Project - Tiffany Giacobazzi

**24-0547** Buhr Park Miyawaki Forest Project Proposal

*Petitioners are requesting \$2,500.00 for tree protection fencing and \$500.00 for miscellaneous expenses, for a total request of \$3,000.00. Staff will work with the Petitioners to make sure all miscellaneous expenses are allowable with fund dollars.*

*The committee appreciates the emphasis on data collection and engagement activities, especially the inclusion of children. They are excited to see the results of this project in years to come.*

**Wieland moved to approve up to \$3,000.00 for allowable expenses for the Miyawaki Forest Project out of the FY2025 budget. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

3-Year Plan Review Discussion - Richard Wieland

*The committee reviewed the 3-Year Plan. Staff will look into the contract options for extensions with multipliers as the budget increases year to year.*

*Here are project areas under consideration:*

*Tree Planting:*

- Planned Projects:*
  - Bicentennial Park*
  - Ann Arbor Housing Commission*

*- Remaining Funds: That would leave approximately \$24,000 left for use elsewhere.*

*Other Expenditures:*

- Wurster park*

- *West Park Oaks*
- *Mushroom Park*
- *Dutch elm Disease treatment for Elms*
- *Arbor Day planting costs*
- *Support of the Miyawaki Forest*

**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

- *Mushroom Park (if leafed out)*
- *Contract Update*
- *3-Year Plan Review*
- *Bicentennial Park*
- *Leslie Science and Nature Center*
- *Housing Commission Planting Update*
- *Equity-based Tree Planting Discussion*

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

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Wieland moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 AM. Curtis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**