

City of Ann Arbor

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

9:00 AM

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Electronic Meeting

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wieland called the meeting to order at 9:11am.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Richard Wieland - home, Ann Arbor Washtenaw County

Member Robertson Davenport - Michigan Medicine, Washtenaw County

Member Brooks Curtis - home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Member Samuel Rosewig - Washtenaw Community College, Washtenaw County

Member Lynn Nybell - home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Member Kimberley Sundy - home, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County

Member David Penland - absent

Guests: Cynthia VanRenterghem and Norman Herbert of The Treeline Conservancy - 535 W William St, Ann Arbor

Staff in attendance: Paul Matthews, Public Works Manager; Nicholas Jacob, Urban and Community Forester; Jamie Pauline, Urban Forest and Outreach Partnership Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approval of agenda took place after Treeline Conservancy's presentation.

Chairman Wieland motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Member Davenport seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Nybell motioned to approve the minutes as presented.

Chairman Wieland seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee Draft Meeting Minutes - September 9th, 2025

BUSINESS

The Treeline - Cynthia VanRenterghem and Norman Herbert

Norman Herbert and Cynthia VanRenterghem explained the concept, goals, and current status of The Treeline Conservancy's project to make a three-mile pathway running through downtown Ann Arbor from the Big House to the B2B Trail. The project was recently awarded \$1M in the 2026 Michigan state budget. \$1.8M is needed to break ground. The EDFC cannot fund projects on lands not owned by the City of Ann Arbor, and so would have to wait for the lands to be turned over to Ann Arbor's ownership. When asked what the EDFC could do at this time, Ms. VanRenterghem requested that the EDFC share this project with family and friends and keep apprised of the project's status. Member Sundy requested that, when they are able, the Treeline bring the EDFC a more solid forecast of when the EDFC can contribute.

FY2026 City Planting Contract - Richard Wieland

Paul Matthews explained the city's planting contract and how planting areas are selected to the EDFC. (The EDFC has a separate planting contract.)

Planting Updates - Jamie Pauline

Pauline shared the following updates with the committee:

- Barton-Bandemer project: Order is being filled, and planting is expected to take place either this week or next.*
- Avalon Housing: Planting work orders were sent to Margolis. Trees have been installed.*
- Winewood-Thaler: Margolis was in the area on Monday. The one of the residents has stated that they do not want any trees, eliminating these sites from the planting schedule.*

- *Parks Equity project: Adam Fercho gave assent to planting listed vacancies in Wheeler and Arbor Oaks Parks, but Pauline must also confer with Victor Morales-Rios, who oversees existing Parks infrastructure, before proceeding. The committee will do a walkthrough of Wheeler Park soon.*

- *Baxter and Pilgrim Parks: Pauline has been in contact with Margolis about replacing these trees. Margolis will remove the standing dead/dying trees before they plant the replacement trees (as they would for a contractor warranty replant). Pauline will mark the trees to be replaced this week.*

Budget Report - Richard Wieland

[25-1767](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Budget Report - October 2025

Elizabeth Dean Fund Long-Term Plan - Richard Wieland

[25-1766](#) Elizabeth Dean Fund Longer Term Plan and Priorities - October 14th, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minutes per speaker)

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No public comment was made.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- *Finance: Chairman Wieland to obtain information and then loop in Pauline*

- *Elections for chairperson*
- *Wheeler and Arbor Oaks Parks*
- *Fall planting updates*
- *Chairman Wieland to follow up on the Food Forest*
- *Results of site walkthrough at Wheeler Park (proposed for October 24th)*

Member Sundy left the meeting at 10:32am. Quorum was maintained.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Curtis motioned to adjourn. Member Rosewig seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.