

# **City of Ann Arbor**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

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**877-853-5247**

**Webinar ID: 99642895904**

**Electronic Meeting**

**Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Chairman Wieland called the meeting to order at 9:03am.*

**ROLL CALL**

*Chairman Richard Wieland - Traverse City, Grand Traverse County*

*Member Lynn Nybell - Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Brooks Curtis - Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member David Penland - Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Member Robertson Davenport - Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County*

*Absent: Member Kimberley Sundy, Member Samuel Rosewig*

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

*Guests present: Alexis DiLeo, Principal Planner (City of Ann Arbor Planning Services); Meg Delaney, Secretary (Ann Arbor Wild Ones)*

**Present**    5 -    Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland, Brooks Curtis, David Penland, and Robert Davenport

**Absent**    3 -    Tiffany Giacobazzi, Kimberley Sundy, and Samuel Rosewig

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Add:*

*- Review of next three meetings.*

**Member Nybell moved to approve the agenda with changes.**

**Member Curtis seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Changes:*

- Add Paul Matthews to attendance.

- Under "Library Plantings," add "Wieland to inform library of postponement decision."

**Member Davenport moved to approve the minutes with the proposed changes. Member Curtis seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.**

[25-1599](#) EDFC Draft Meeting Minutes - August 12th, 2025

## **BUSINESS**

### **Transit Corridors - Alexis DiLeo**

*Alexis DiLeo from Planning Services attended to explain how the transit corridor zoning will impact tree planting opportunities and existing trees. The plan was designed with pedestrian comfort in mind, so attention was paid to allowing for trees near walkways. Furthermore, rights-of-way will remain city property and therefore fall under the scope of EDFC planting areas. Most sites will still be able to accommodate trees.*

[25-1620](#) Transit Corridor Presentation - Alexis DiLeo

### **Buhr Park Mini-Forest - Meg Delaney**

*Meg Delaney attended the meeting to express gratitude for the Committee's allocation of up to \$1,000 for the watering of the Buhr Park Mini-Forest. She asked the Committee if watering could be funded weekly through mid- to late October. The estimated cost of labor, performed by city employees, was \$54.66. The Committee decided that watering can be done weekly until the end of October with the allocated funds. Watering will be skipped if the weather permits.*

### **Avalon Housing Walkthrough - Jamie Pauline**

*Nineteen work orders have been created for this project. These have been made available to Margolis, who will complete them.*

### **Parks Updates - Jamie Pauline**

*Pauline has been in contact with Adam Fercho from Parks. For now, the*

*EDFC should only plant listed, existing vacant sites in Parks, as unlisted sites will require additional coordination between Parks and the Committee. Thus far, the parks with the most listed vacancies and that are not facing major renovation are Arbor Oaks and Wheeler. Discussions are in progress regarding potential plantings. Pauline will collaborate with Fercho and his colleagues to ensure that any EDFC plantings adhere to Parks' vision for their properties.*

*Fercho anticipates that the Bicentennial Park tree planting will proceed in the spring of 2026. Parks would like South Maple Park's planting to take place in the spring as well, but upcoming construction might push the planting into fall of 2026 (and therefore FY2027).*

**Baxter and Pilgrim Parks - Jamie Pauline**

*Pauline will consult with Parks Ops about replacing the dead trees with the allocated funding.*

**Financial Reports - Richard Wieland**

*This section was skipped because no major changes have been made.*

[25-1594](#) EDFC Budget Report - September 2025

[25-1595](#) EDFC Longer Term Plan and Priorities - September 9th, 2025 - Version A

**Staff Report - Jamie Pauline**

*Nicholas Jacob has been hired to the position of Urban and Community Forester on a permanent basis.*

*Member Nybell might not be able to attend the Green Fair for its full duration. Member Curtis might be able to help fill in, and Pauline has offered to step in if the table does not have at least two staff members.*

[25-1596](#) EDFC Staff Report - September 9th, 2025

**Review of Next Three Meetings - Richard Wieland**

*October meeting:*

*- Treeline to present*

*November meeting:*

*- Meeting as previously scheduled would fall on November 11th, which is Veterans Day and an observed city holiday. The meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month (November 18th).*

*- Finance will attend.*

*- Elections will be held for EDFC chairperson.*

*December meeting:*

*- A vote might be taken in October or November to cancel this meeting.*

**Chairman Wieland motioned to reschedule the meeting for November 11th, 2025, to November 18th, 2025. Member Curtis seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.**

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

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*No attendees were present to make public comment.*

**NEXT AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Wieland motioned to adjourn. Member Curtis seconded the motion. Motion as approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:44am.**