



BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

MARCH 30, 2026 AT 5:00 PM

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair Fluhler called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT :	Beautification Commissioner Randy Spiess, Beautification Commissioner Bob Herbst, Beautification Commission Chair Patricia Fluhler, Beautification Commissioner Sue Albro
ABSENT :	Beautification Commissioner Nancy Robinson

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Beautification Commission - Regular Meeting - November 24, 2025

RESULT:	MOTION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE
MOVER:	Randy Spiess
SECONDER:	Bob Herbst
AYES:	Randy Spiess, Bob Herbst, Patricia Fluhler, Sue Albro
NAYS:	None

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Snowflake Corridor Enhancements Update

Staff updated the Commissioners on the Snowflake Corridor Enhancement as part of the 2026 capital improvement budget. Based on the Commission's consensus, Presidential and Prairie style snowflakes were ordered and will be installed for the 2026/2027 winter season. The snowflakes will replace wreaths along the Northwest Highway and Downtown Palatine corridors. This will complete the snowflake procurement portion of the Entryway/Corridor Enhancements Project.

B. Downtown Palatine Redevelopment-Slade Street Improvements

Matt Barry, Public Works Director, presented the Slade Street Improvement plans to the Commissioners. He noted the three blocks of the project are impacted differently. The project is scheduled to begin in Mid-May and is planned to be completed by Labor Day.

Staff provided Commissioners with the landscape plans to review and provide feedback at the May meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arbor Day

The Village is hosting the 2026 Arbor Day event. Commissioners will be receiving invitations to the Arbor Day festivities which will take place on Friday, April 24th, 10am at Winston Campus School.

B. Daylily Planting Event

Staff recommended the Daylily Planting event take place on Saturday, April 25th or May 2nd, from 9am to Noon. Commissioners found consensus to host the event on Saturday, May 2nd.

The event will focus on planting daylilies, cleaning up planting beds and laying mulch in designated areas. Forestry is working to determine the location for this year's event. Staff will update Commissioners once the location is determined.

Staff will reach out to both Palatine and Fremd High Schools as well as local organizations seeking volunteers.

C. Farmers' Market

The Beautification Commission has the opportunity once again to host an informational tent at the Palatine Farmers' Market. Staff is working with the Market Manager to identify available Saturdays in June. As in years past, Commissioners would staff the tent in 2 shifts, 7-10am and 10am-1pm. Beautification Commission information will be featured along with storm water/Public Works information.

D. 2026 Hometown Pride Awards

Consistent with previous years, Commissioners concurred that nominations for the Hometown Pride Awards will be due Friday, July 24th. Judging will take place at the Beautification Commission meeting on Monday, July 27th.

Commissioner Spiess recommended adding a new category for native plants and pollinators. Commissioners concurred that a new "Native Plants and Pollinators" category will be added to the 2026 Hometown Pride Awards.

Hometown Pride Awards will be promoted with flyers at the Palatine Farmers' Market, on the Village Website, in the weekly Palatine E-Newsletter, the Summer Newsletter as well as on the various social media platforms.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.