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**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION**

**AGENDA**

**MARCH 24, 2025**

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**Regular Meeting**

**5:00 PM**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Beautification Commission - Regular Meeting - November 25, 2024

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

1. 2025 Spring/Summer Planting Plan

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Arbor Day
2. Daylily Planting Event
3. Farmers' Market
4. 2025 Hometown Pride Awards
5. 50/50 Landscaping Program Application
6. Train Station Entry Island and Adjacent Landscaping/Interiors

**V. ADJOURN**



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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 25, 2024

Regular Meeting

5:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Table with 4 columns: Attendee Name, Title, Status, Arrived. Rows include Sue Fink, Patrica Fluhler, Nancy Robinson, Sue Albro, Neal Sieroslowski, Randy Spiess, and Bob Herbst.

Also in attendance are Jim Schwantz, Mayor; Reid Ottessen, Village Manager; and Matt Barry, Director of Public Works.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1. Beautification Commission - Regular Meeting - September 23, 2024 - Accepted

Table with 2 columns: Field (RESULT, MOVER, SECONDER, AYES, ABSENT) and Value (ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS], Nancy Robinson, Randy Spiess, Fink, Fluhler, Robinson, Albro, Spiess, Herbst, Sieroslowski).

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. 2025 Spring/Summer Planting Plan -

Caleb Johnson, Forestry Team Leader, presented the 2025 Spring/Summer Planting Plans to the commission. Commissioners appreciated the changes incorporated into the plans and instructed Forestry to proceed with the plans as presented.

- 2. Capital Improvement Plan -

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Nov 25, 2024 5:00 PM (Approval of Minutes)

Katie Lapid introduced Matt Barry and Reid Ottesen who were in attendance to discuss the Beautification Commission's Operating Budget and the Commission's role in the Capital Funding projects.

Mr. Barry provided a history of the Beautification Commission's operating budget, including funding changes and highlights. Mr. Barry drew attention to the improvements in the holiday lighting and holiday decorations around Towne Square which were made possible with operating budget funds.

Mr. Barry also discussed the Art Amenity Program. This program provided the funding source for the sculpture installations in the downtown area. This program is still in place and is funded through the Downtown TIF district from residential developers seeking TIF assistance. Since 2010, there have been no residential development projects seeking TIF assistance.

Mr. Barry also provided a history of The Beautification Commission's role in the Capital Improvement Program. The Entryway/Corridor Enhancements Project was the first to seek input from The Commission and was first funded in 2022 for the LED snowflakes. Due to durability issues with the purchased snowflakes, funding is paused in 2025 while staff evaluates alternative options.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### 1. Downtown Palatine Redevelopment Plan -

Mr. Barry and Mr. Ottesen shared the Downtown Palatine Redevelopment plans with the Commission and they, along with Mayor Schwantz, answered questions and highlighted the Beautification Commission's role in the plan as it moves forward.

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