

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Beautification Committee was held on May 20, 2026. Chairperson Ross called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Lynne Monroe took the roll call. It indicated as follows:

Committee Attendance

PRESENT: Committee Member Nunez, Committee Member Tancredi, Committee Member Tierney, Committee Member Mitchell, Committee Member Jankowski Jr., Committee Member Ross

ABSENT: Mundelein Arts Commission Liason Chris Woodard

Other Attendance:

PRESENT: Lynne Monroe, Deputy Village Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

No Public Commentary

MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Beautification Committee minutes from April 15, 2026.

The approval of the April minutes was deferred until the June meeting to allow members more time to review.

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION REPORT

Chris Woodard was not present but Chair Ross reminded the committee that the Arts Commission would be seeking volunteers to help with "Art Pantries." Member Tierney also mentioned the Rainbow Garden (run by the Park District) as an initiative if anyone was interested in helping out on their own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

PROJECTS

Gardens

Member Jankowski reported on the necessary maintenance and positive growth of the two gardens: South Village Hall and Pollinator Garden. He indicated another 15 minutes in the next month would be helpful for necessary maintenance. He will also speak to

the Public Works Arborist about plans for the Callery Pears around Village Hall.

Bird City

Chair Ross provided a brief update and explanation on mosquito abatement. She reminded everyone that spraying for mosquitos does help the bird population by tackling West Nile virus and mosquito abatement is supported by the Audobon Society.

Member Mitchell reported on the success of the Bird Walk with 21 participants and plans for upcoming events, including a farmer's markets. Member Mitchell also provided an update on the annual status of bird city requirements. A proclamation will take place in September,

Excellence in Gardening Awards

Vice-chair Tancredi announced that Gardening Award Nominations will be accepted June 1 through August 15. Thirty signs will need to be printed in anticipation of community awards. One sign is needed to display at Spring into Summer. Lynne will have that printed.

Community Events

June 13, 2026 Farmer's Market - the theme is Gardens and Birds - Perch on Park

Members discussed participation at the June 13 Farmer's Market and activities/give-aways planned. Chair Ross will reach out to the Audubon Society regarding participation in the Littel Makers Market.

Farmer's Market butterfly release - July 11, 2026 to coincide with Girl Scouts Milkweed sale

The committee discussed the butterfly release and collaboration with the Girl Scouts. Member Mitchell explained the importance of butterflies requiring heat to fly in a release.

Bike Race - July 20, 2026

Event to be discussed at future meeting

District 75 Tiger Truck Fest - September

Event to be discussed at future meeting

Lure of the Local - October

Event to be discussed at future meeting

Santa's Cottage and Tree Lighting - December

Event to be discussed at future meeting

Clean up events - next one before the Bike Race

Plans to be discussed at a future meeting

Spring into Summer - May 30, 2026

Chair Ross provided a recap of the final plans for Spring into Summer and confirmed committee participation, Vendors, give-aways, set-up and rentals were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

Vice-chair Tancredi provided a budget recap for FY26. The committee spent all but \$61.60 of the allocated budget funds. Members should think about what projects and purchases should be a priority for the current FY27 budget year. Members discussed new purchases, including kids' gardening gloves and more t-shirts.

Business Cards

Lynne distributed sample business cards that can be printed in-house on an as-needed basis. With the vacancy of the Communications Manager with the Village, availability may be delayed.

Projects for 2026-2027 - July meeting discussion

Topic to be discussed at future meeting

A-May-Zing Mundelein recap

A-May-Zing Mundelein was a huge success and the committee's participation was appreciated. The committee gave away 23 sets of gloves and 19 planters. Vice-Chair Tancredi updated the Sharepoint site with the details of the event for future year reference.

NEW BUSINESS

Native Plant to promote

The committee discussed introducing a native plant to promote. A few ideas were discussed, including the benefit of a perirenal versus an annual and what really makes a

plant native. Everyone will consider possible options and keep in mind the importance of availability.

OTHER BUSINESS

Lynne reminded the committee that she is in need of suggested trees to be planted at Courtland Commons. A few ideas were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion to Adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at **6:34 PM**.

RESULT:	[Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Committee Member Jill Mitchell
SECONDER:	Committee Member Chester Jankowski Jr.
AYES:	Kim Nunez, Colleen Tancredi, Margaret (Peg) Tierney, Jill Mitchell, Chester Jankowski Jr., Jenny Ross
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Jenny Ross, Chairman

NEXT MEETING - June 17, 2026