

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Beautification Committee was held on June 17, 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 Tierney, Committee Member Mitchell, Committee Member Jankowski Jr., Committee Member Ross

ABSENT: Committee Member Tancredi, Mundelein Arts Commissioner Woodard

Other Attendance:

PRESENT: Lynne Monroe, Deputy Village Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

None

MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and Approval of Minutes

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

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

Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2026.

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

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION REPORT

No report.

Member Mitchell inquired about the Committee's involvement in the Art Pantries being installed by the Arts Commission. Lynne announced more details will come from the Arts Commission as the project progresses. The project is being brought to the board next week for installment at Courtland Commons, Archer Business Center and Diamond Lake by Bill's Pub.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements

PROJECTS

Gardens

Member Jankowski reported on the two Village Hall gardens; they continue to do well and will need some standard weeding throughout the seasons.

Bird City

Member Mitchell noted that Lynne had updated the Bird City page with Mundelein and Beautification Committee information. She recapped the annual events and Bird City requirements that are on track.

Excellence in Gardening Awards

Chair Ross recapped the Excellence in Gardening Awards — nominations are currently being accepted and are coming in. She reminded the committee that self-nominations are permitted, and the garden must be visible from any street. Marigolds are no longer a requirement. Container gardens and businesses are also eligible for participation. Chair Ross confirmed the signage is updated on SharePoint and ready to print and that unincorporated residents do qualify for the awards.

Community Events

June 13, 2026 Farmer's Market and Spring into Summer Recap

Member Mitchell reported on the events from the June 13 Farmer's Market and suggested that the committee follow up with people who stop by and offer to volunteer. All those working the market reported a great turn out and many children stopping by.

Chair Ross reported on a successful Spring into Summer event. All vendors reported a great turnout, although no actual head-count was taken. Chair Ross will recap the day

and send details to Scott in Public Works regarding layout and time needed for set-up. Member Tierney asked if next year's date was determined, as the weekend coincides with Memorial Day; Chair Ross explained we would wait for local Farmer's Market and Beerfest dates to determine an official date.

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

Member Mitchell reported on a planned Butterfly Release at the July 11 Farmer's Market.

Bike Race - July 20, 2026

After discussion, the Committee opted not to have a booth, but Lynne encouraged members to sign up individually to help with the event, to which many agreed was a great option. Chair Ross suggested participating in the sidewalk art, and recalled that Chris Woodard has the Committee stencil.

District 75 Tiger Truck Fest - September

No report Date not yet confirmed

Lure of the Local - October 16, 2026 Opening

No report

Santa's Cottage and Tree Lighting - December

No report. The tree lighting occurs on December 5.

Clean up events

Bike Path along 176 in July before the Bike Race

Member Nunez planned to host a clean-up of the bike path on 7/18 9AM-11AM. She asked if the committee could keep six litter pickers and garbage bag supplies at the Village Hall. Notification would still need to be made to Public Works for a planned event, but having the supplies accessible at Village Hall would be preferred.

North Shore Bike Path near Carmel / Brice

The Committee discussed adding the North Shore bike path near Carmel as a potential clean-up site. Lynne has been approached by Jordan Hughes with the OMNI group and the coalition Motivating Healthy Minds, asking for this committee's help to clean up this area. While a garbage can is not feasible and not likely to solve the problem of

increased trash in the area. Ideas discussed included a campaign that would ask the community to help, potentially gathering as a group to clean up once a year. Member Tierney offered to make an appeal on a Facebook group. Member Waters suggested signage. Member Jankowski was in favor of the group making a clean-up effort at least once. Chair Ross encouraging others first, or having volunteers create a group as it will require continual maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

No report

Native plant to Promote

Chair Ross reminded members to review her email about how other communities promote and invest in a specific plant, creating an identity for the town. Member Jankowski brought a sample plant for consideration as a Village native perennial. The Little Blue Stem was discussed as a low maintenance, non-flowering native plant, but with a potentially higher price point. He also mentioned the idea of having a Mundelein mix with multiple plants. Member Tierney suggested considering a "plant of the year", focusing on a different plant each year. Consideration of participating nurseries, what the committee wants to promote, and local availability was discussed. No decision was made to move forward with an alternative plant at this time.

Projects for 2026-2027 - July meeting discussion

2026-2027 Projects will be discussed in July. Send ideas to Chair Ross for the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Nunez asked if additional dog waste stations can be considered, but it was discussed that they require maintenance so Public Works wants to limit.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

RESULT:	Passed [Yes 6, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Committee Member Jill Mitchell
SECONDER:	Committee Member Chester Jankowski Jr.

AYES:	Kim Nunez, Margaret (Peg) Tierney, Jill Mitchell, Chester Jankowski Jr., Jenny Ross, Michael Waters
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Jenny Ross, Chairman

NEXT MEETING - JULY 15, 2026