

CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Beautification Committee was held on July 15, 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, Committee Member Waters

ABSENT:

Other Attendance:

PRESENT: Chris Woodard, Mundelein Arts Commission Liason and Lynne Monroe, Deputy Village Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mr. Chandraskera and his son, an Eagle scout, were present to work towards a community citizenship badge.

MINUTES APPROVAL

Review and approval of minutes

Motion to approve the Beautification Committee minutes from June 17, 2026.

RESULT:	[Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]
MOVER:	Committee Member Margaret (Peg) Tierney
SECONDER:	Committee Member Kim Nunez
AYES:	Kim Nunez, Colleen Tancredi, Margaret (Peg) Tierney, Jill Mitchell, Chester Jankowski Jr., Jenny Ross, Michael Waters
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

MUNDELEIN ARTS COMMISSION REPORT

Chirs Woodard reported 2 vacancies and 1 new member on the Mundelein Arts Commission (MAC). Chris shared the upcoming MAC initiatives, including Grand Prix chalk art and bells, a star install planned for the Library, and the Lure of the Local opeinng October 16, with a VIP invitation at 5PM for the committee. Chris also reported the hand sculpture (Helping Hand) is now installed at Courtland Commons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

PROJECTS

Gardens

Member Jankowski reported the garden needs some weeding when the weather cools down. He plans to plant marigolds and grasses in new planters. Vice-Chair Tancredi offered to help with flats. Chair Ross suggested irises in the south garden, and Member Jankowski suggests funds be allocated to add to the garden in the fall.

Bird City

Member Mitchell will send articles to Lynne for bird education. Bird City designation remains on track.

Excellence in Gardening Awards

Vice-Chair Tancredi reported nominations have have been slow and suggested the members nominate themselves and neighbors.

Community Events

Farmer's Market butterfly release - reschedule?

Because the butterflies were not ready for release last month, Member Mitchell will speak to the Farmer's Market coordinator to find a future date.

District 75 Tiger Truck Fest - October 2, 2026

Chair Ross confirmed the date for Tiger Truck fest as October 2. The committee plans to participate with give-aways.

Lure of the Local - October 16, 2026 Opening - Theme "Love Letters"

A raffle donation was discussed for the Lure of the Local. The committee will also consider a display or activity.

Santa's Cottage and Tree Lighting - December 5, 2026

A kid's activity table will be planned for the Tree Lighting.

Clean up events

Bike path along Route 176 in July before Bike Race

The clean-up is planned for July 18, 9-11 AM. Members discussed volunteer participation and attendance. Member Mitchell encouraged the importance of follow-up for those who offered to volunteer at Spring into Summer. Member Waters will coordinate with Chair Ross and send acknowledgment e-mails.

North Shore Bike Path near Carmel / Brice

This initiative will be revisited when the weather cools down.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget

Vice-Chair Tancredi provided a brief update on spending. The group agreed to order gloves for children and adults. Other items for give-aways were discussed, including kneelers and koozies. Member Jankowski has the grasses already purchased to plant at Village Hall.

Native Plant to Promote

Chair Ross asked Member Tierney to get resources/ideas from Master Gardeners in the hopes of continuing this discussion.

Projects for 2026-2027

Member Jankowski suggested Courtland Commons area be considered as there is a significant amount of turf. Lynne plans to ask Public Works to plant oak trees near the bridge. The committee discussed the need for signage to explain that the area is under construction.- improvements coming soon
Also, discussed was the needed education regarding Callery Pear tree removal.

NEW BUSINESS

Plantings at new Little Art Libraries

Chris Woodard explained the Beautification Committee's role in the Little Art "Pantries" that will be placed at three locations around the village. The committee came to a consensus to help with plantings next spring for the three pantries that are being constructed by the Tool Library of Lake County.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Beautification Committee Meeting.

RESULT: [Yes 7, No 0, Abstained 0]

MOVER: Committee Member Jill Mitchell

SECONDER: Committee Member Colleen Tancredi

AYES: Kim Nunez, Colleen Tancredi, Margaret (Peg) Tierney, Jill Mitchell,
Chester Jankowski Jr., Jenny Ross, Michael Waters

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Jenny Ross, Chairman

NEXT MEETING - AUGUST 19, 2026