

MEETING MINUTES
BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – SOUTH CONFERENCE ROOM
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI

CALL TO ORDER BY: Chairperson Kailee Sosnowski at 6:03 PM in the City Hall Community Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kailee Sosnowski, Kathie Brown, Robert Levine, Frank Romano, Michael Harris, James Cowell, Sherri Garrett, Evan Rosin (arrived late)

MEMBERS ABSENT: September Ingram

OTHERS PRESENT: Valerie Knol, City Council Liaison, Tracey Emmanuel, Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Sosnowski, second by Brown, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried: 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Romano, second by Levine to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2026 as submitted. Motion carried: 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherri Garrett was appointed to the Commission at the April 27, 2026 Council meeting. Received BCSEM Summer meeting registration notice; Memo from City Clerk shared guidance regarding compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, including requirements for in-person board and commission meeting attendance and limitations on remote participation. Memo from City Communications Director shared guidance regarding appropriate protocols for board and commission members responding to inquiries from researchers, media, and the public.

REVIEW OF CALENDAR

The Commissioners reviewed the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS ITEM

A. Annual Carol Posby Litter Walk Results

Brown reported that we had 31 teams with 264 participants. DPW picked up over 45 yards of litter debris. Brown completed Community Service forms for the N. Farmington High School Honor Society participants. Emmanuel noted that we do have a Certificate that can be used for those types of volunteers as well.

B. Spring Plant Swap Results

Former Commissioner Betti Pool hosted the event that drew approximately 35 participants who swapped plants and gardening tips. Pool informed the Commission that she will no longer serve as host for future Plant Swaps. Emmanuel reviewed the responsibilities and coordination involved in organizing this event for the Commission's consideration in determining whether to assume leadership of this event next year.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

A. BC Awards 2026

Sosnowski reviewed the Beautification Awards program and ceremony process for newly appointed members of the Commission. The 2026 Awards Ceremony is scheduled for October 22 at the Hawk. Discussion focused on the declining level of participation and possible changes to the format and scale of the event, including options for lighter refreshments and a daytime ceremony. Discussion also included editing the nomination form to include the HOA president's contact information, as well as ideas for increasing participation and public awareness of the program. Motion by Levine, seconded by Rosin, to hold the Beautification Awards during breakfast/brunch hours with light refreshments. Motion Carried: 7-1

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Harris shared information from his conversation with Mayor Rich regarding her Feeding the Needy in Farmington Hills initiative, focused on increasing food donations through resident gardening efforts. Knol expanded on this, noting that residents with surplus garden produce could donate directly to the local food bank, CARES of Farmington Hills, for distribution to local families in need.

NEXT MEETING DATE: June 16, 2026.

MEETING ADJOURNED BY: Chair Sosnowski at 7:59 PM.

Submitted by Kathie Brown, Secretary