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# CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
# REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

***Chairperson Jeanine Offer Krupp, Co- Chairperson Laura Murphy, Secretary Sue Butala***
***Members:* Tammy Byers, Jessica Clauser, Julia Johnson, Sandra Montes, Rachel Williams, Tracy Gottschalk**
***City Council Liaison: Debbie Jones***

| **400 Sixth Street** | **November 13, 2024** | **7:00 pm** |
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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. Members present – Tammy Byers, Sue Butala, Julia Johnson, Jeanine Offer Krupp, Laura Murphy, Rachel Williams, Tracy Gottschalk  Others present:  Nik Banda, Colin Pettit, Debbie Jones

2. Motion to approve minutes from October 2024 was unanimously approved.

3. Miscellaneous:

   a. DPW director, Alek has resigned, and replacement candidate search will begin.
   b. Leaf cleanup is well underway.
   c. Making progress on obtaining funding for Macomb Orchard Trail repair.
   d. Blue bird houses were cleaned out.

4. Budget is due in January/February. Ideas that were discussed:

   a. A mini forest in a location other than Elizabeth Park.  Discussed a possible location along Letica.  A grant was received to pay for a portion. The Tree committee will pay for the remainder.
   b. A rain garden at the end of Drace Street after a drain is placed, and a second larger rain garden near the Kiwanis shelter/playground $3000
   c. Sound Amplifier in the Municipal Park. Eagle Scouts are interested in doing this as a project. The location needs to be determined in January. Petoskey High School built one to review as an example.
   d. Check if there is CBC information in the new resident welcome packet. Include information on rain gardens, rain barrels and Rochester Pollinators. Possibly include this information in the spring city newsletter. Include a separate article on CBC accomplishments.

e. Consider Rochester City beautiful garden signs.
f. Consider a five senses garden near the new all abilities park. There is an example at Van Hoosen. Or possibly a raised bed garden between two benches. $2000
g. Shelter at Elizabeth Park, similar to the one near the sugar maples

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM