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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
Student Liaisons: Emma Loosvelt, Natalie Sapp

400 Sixth Street	**August 13, 2025**	**7:00 pm**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Members present – Tammy Byers, Sue Butala, Jessica Clauser, Tracy Gottschalk, Jeanine Offer Krupp, Sandra Montes, Laura Murphy Others present: Nik Banda, Colin Petit, Emma Loosvelt
2. Motion to approve minutes from July 2025 was unanimously approved.
3. Miscellaneous:
    a. Received clearance for playground updates. The work will probably be completed in early spring.
    b. Put down seed by the All-Abilities Park. Waiting for the Rochester Pollinator plant sale to purchase the plants for the raised beds.
    c. Draft of signage for the southern wet meadow was presented. There may be a ribbon cutting in October after the sign is in place.

4. Goals and Objectives
    a. The Eagle Scout working on the amplifier project presented to Debbie Jones. They are discussing materials, maintenance and costs. We will invite him to a CBC meeting to give his presentation.
    b. Rain Garden location to the left of the path that goes from the Playground to the trail will likely be planned for after Arts and Apples, We m may order plants from the Pollinators sale and plant in mid-September.
    c. The raised beds for the sensory garden near the All-Abilities Playground have been installed. The plants will be purchased from the Pollinator's sale and should be delivered in early September. Planting tentatively scheduled for Monday September 8 at 7:00 pm.
    d. New Idea: Birding Trail designated on the Audubon site. Look into adding Rochester trails to it. Do tests of areas with the Merlin app to see how many birds it hears.

e. New Idea: See if someone from CBC, or the Mayor, can attend America in Bloom in September at the Royal Park Hotel. Orion Twp is receiving an award.
f. Discussed a bike tour event to the CBC sites in the city on September 17 at 6:30. Also do a shorter walking tour at the same time.
g. Laura and Jeanine cleaned up the gardens on either side of the drive over bridge.

5. Next meeting is September 10, 2025.
6. Meeting adjourned at 8:29