

**CITY OF BERKLEY**  
**BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
6:30 P.M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Public Safety Building

**PRESENT:** Dan Mihaescu (Chair)  
Stephen Bard (Secretary)  
Taylor Beach  
Mike Elrod  
Lynn Khadra

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mike Dooley (City Council Liaison)

**EXCUSED  
ABSENCES** Jeremy Coan  
Jim Fritsch  
Anela Mihaescu  
Jennifer Smitterberg

**ABSENCES:**

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes 7-26-23
3. Welcome Mike Dooley (New City Council Liaison)
4. Welcome Taylor Beach and Gary Elrod (New Members)
5. Friends Park Improvements
6. Other Items
7. Adjourn

**Meeting was called to order at 6:46 P.M.**

- 1. Agenda for the Meeting was approved.**
- 2. Minutes of the July 26, 2023 Meeting were approved.**
- 3. The Committee welcomed Mike Dooley as Liaison and he provided a brief introduction.**

**4. The Committee welcomed new members and each member provided a brief introduction.**

**5. Friends Park Improvements**

The Committee discussed plans for improvements for the park. Dan volunteered to contact the DPW to have compost delivered. The Committee agreed to meet at the park on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 to perform the beautification. Lynn volunteered to post on the Berkley Gardner's FB page promoting the event and request volunteers and items to incorporate into the beautification efforts.

**6. Other Items**

The Committee briefly discussed topics and goals for the future including promoting beautification throughout the City through social media and Welcome Packets to new residents.

**Next Meeting scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Public Safety Building at 6:30 pm.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:18 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by: Stephen Bard (Secretary), September 16, 2023.

Dan informed the Committee that in 2024 the City will remove the asphalt in the Park and replace it with concrete. The Committee reviewed pictures of the Park and discussed potential improvements. The Committee plans to break the improvements into 3 dates in the early fall. The Committee decided to focus on:

- a) clean-up
- b) spreading compost
- c) new plantings

Dan volunteered to call the DPW and see if compost can be delivered to the park to aide in the Committee's efforts. Lynn mentioned she would inquire within the Berkley Gardeners Group to recruit volunteers to help with the improvements.

**Next Meeting scheduled for August 23rd at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Public Safety Building at 6:30 pm.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by: Stephen Bard (Secretary) July 29, 2023.