

Chaplin Bicentennial Arboretum Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2025

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:05. Present were Helen Weingart, Dave Stone and Leslie Ricklin
2. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2025. L. Ricklin moved, D. Stone seconded to approve the minutes. So moved.
3. Discussion:
 - a. Approve payment of invoice from Earth Tones Nursery. D. Stone moved, L. Ricklin seconded to approve the sum of \$780.00 to be deducted from the **General Fund**. So moved.
It was agreed that the Commission should create a new account to keep funds separate for the Pollinator Pathway space. This would be another **Restricted** account called the **Pollinator Pathway Account**.
 - b. Review design example from Earth Tones consultant: The Chair presented some concept renderings from Lisa as an example of what our Pollinator plan might look like. This map will be needed to apply for a Community grant as well as to show the public. D. Stone moved to pay Earth Tones Nursery up to **\$3500 out of the Pollinator Pathway account for a conceptual design**. L. Ricklin seconded. It is hoped to have the design by November 14 to submit with the grant.
 - c. Consider when to best share update of plan moving forward: when it is available, the Chair will send an email to arboretum volunteers and invite input. The final plan will be posted at the Town Hall and on Google Groups.
 - d. Determine meeting dates with Jordan, grant writer: TBD
 - e. Plan for tree replacement this fall. D. Stone moved, L. Ricklin seconded to spend up to **\$1700 from the General Fund and from the Arboretum Restricted Fund (if necessary)** for replacing the Holly, Tupelo, White Oak, and Red Bud trees. So moved.
Set work party date for regular maintenance: to be determined when the trees arrive
 - f. Debrief Chaplin Day, September 13: attendance was about 300. Work on creating an engaging Arboretum Table will continue.
 - g. Smith Family plaque has been purchased. It is ready to be placed by the Paperbark Maple.
 - h. The conflict of scheduling the Regular Meeting of Oct. 28 was resolved by making it a **Special Meeting to be held on Oct. 21 at 3:00 PM**.
4. Items for next agenda: missing plaques and bases—work party will work on these, purchase of a flag or banner to use at events.
5. Adjourned at 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Ricklin, Secretary

