MINUTES

City of Plymouth
Urban Forest and Flower Committee
August 19, 2026

**Members Present**: Mike Wolfington, Steve Listenberger, Jodie Overmyer, Deb Palmer, Lindsey Spaulding, Bob Yoder, Jim Marquardt  Absent: Mike Hite, Cameron Arnold

Additional attendees – Marianne Peters, Jeff Houin, Kara Steele and Mayor Listenberger

**Approval of minutes from July 15, 2026** – Deb motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Lindsey seconded the motion after making a suggestion for a change, noting that there were no extra flowers left over from spring to be used at the rotary garden. Jodie said she would make that change. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Fall Tree Planting** – Lindsey reported on the availability of trees from Woody Warehouse. They will be approximately 1" caliper in size, 5/6' tall. We shouldn't have any trouble with budget since it has been decided to do the installation with volunteer labor. The exact number has yet to be determined.

**Downtown Planters** – It was agreed that they have looked good most of the summer and haven't required much additional watering. Feedback has been mostly positive, with the lack of early color being the biggest concern.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Rotary garden and pollinator garden** – Additional attendees from the Rotary Club were interested in talking to the group about plants for their corner garden. Jeff Houin reported on the history of the corner. The weeds have been treated, and it could be ready for planting this fall. Lindsey has prepared an estimate for the area. It was determined that some of the prep work could be done by the city. Deb motioned that the estimate be redone taking that into consideration. Bob Y. seconded the motion, and it carried. The best time to do the work would be in September, but since planning hasn't been finalized, there may not be enough time for plants to be installed this fall.

Deb Palmer talked about the history of the pollinator garden on the corner of Laporte and Center streets. It was installed when she was at the Soil and Water District with grant monies and donations. Jodie added that she has been cleaning it up every spring but hasn't done much additional maintenance. Lindsey gave the city an estimate for

updating/renovating it, but since it isn't located on city property, the committee didn't think it was the city's responsibility. Jodie said she will discuss it with her board; there is the possibility that some funds may be available to help with that.

Deb Palmer had checked into some grant possibilities from the DNR for urban plantings. These grants do require a 1-1 match and can be used for trees only. That eliminates the use of this particular grant for money to renovate the island plantings near the park. Lindsey had also prepared an estimate for those areas. It was suggested that maybe INDOT could repair the curbing on them. They are irrigated and this could help with future maintenance and choice of plant material. No decisions were made at this time.

With no further business, Deb P. made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike W. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm. Next meeting is Sept. 16, 2026. Minutes by Jodie Overmyer.