

GLEN COVE BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES MAY 28, 2026

Call to Order	The meeting was held at 5:15pm Eastern Time – via in person meeting at City Hall 2 nd Fl Conference Room.
Attendance:	Board Members: Lora Cusumano, Robert LaBaw, Barbara Peebles, Amy Franklin, Deanna Perez, Mike Ktistakis Staff & Volunteers: Pam Panzenbeck, Mike Yeosock, Manny Grella, Elizabeth Mestres, Patty Pilla, Valerie Lasser
Approve Minutes	Review and make a motion to accept meeting minutes from 4/23/26 Board Meetings Motion to Accept made by Deanna Perez. Second by Robert LaBaw. Minutes approved.
Financials	Financials review by treasurer for approval of board. Motion to accept the financials dated from 5/17/26 made by Deanna Perez. Second by Robert LaBaw. Financials approved.
Project Updates	<p>Demmler- Head of the Creek - Manny stated that the section of bulkhead that needs replacing is over 50 years old. Mayor Panzenbeck explained that the city is waiting to hear on a grant that would allow the work to be done upfront and paid back over 20 years at 1%.</p> <p>Adopt A-Spot Plantings The city crew along with a few volunteers completed all the spots. Some spots are irrigated, with the remainder being hand watered from the water truck.</p> <p>Arbor Day Event – 5/2 & Earth Day Event – 5/16 Morgan Park Arbor Day had 16 people in attendance and Earth day also had a decent turnout with a truck full of trash collected.</p> <p>Spring Fundraiser May 14th - Barbara reported that the fundraiser was a very successful event with a good turnout of people. The necessary funds were raised to fund the gazebo project.</p> <p>Gazebo Project -Barbara & Lora The project is on track to be completed prior to July 4th celebrations. The foundation will be poured tomorrow (5/29) as a donation by John McGowan. The gazebo will arrive in pieces</p>

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	<p>and be put together on site by an Amish company. The fundraiser allowed for an upgraded pagoda roof.</p> <p>Eco Carnival—Rain Date 5/21 -Jacki/Cheryl/Lora Lora reported that the eco-carnival was a success at Deasy and Gribbin Schools. 5 or 6 kindergarten classes at each school learned about recycling and composting, and were able to plant seeds in a cup of soil.</p> <p>Greatest American Clean Up – Need Date & Location A date of June 20, 2026 was decided. Several locations were discussed but we did not come to a decision.</p> <p>Scholarship Fund – Committee Joanne, Carla, Eve The winner of the first scholarship is Aiden Van Ommeren. The \$500 scholarship will be presented on June 4th, at Glen Cove High School. Lora, Joanne, Mike and Carla will attend the presentation.</p> <p>Grants – PSEG LI Community Thrive – Need Project Ideas</p> <p>Certificate of Recognition for Beautification Efforts or Litter Prevention & Environmental Stewardship – Certificate mailed to Eagle Scout- Nikolaos Stavrianos- Lora</p> <p>Students Volunteers -Kaitlyn Chun, Jericho & Veronica Edwards, Oyster Bay looking to volunteer with us this summer! - Lora</p> <p>Crescent Beach Mural w/ Eileen Coles – City Wall & Webb Institute Wall are possible locations for a mural.</p> <p>LIRR Train Trestle (Rt 107) – Graffiti & dirty -Lora The trestle is on the MTA's list to be cleaned.</p> <p>Re-World Waste Management Tour – Confirmed July 1st at 1-2:30pm – Sign Up Sheet & Flyer</p>
New Business	<p>Stickers or Give Away Item to kids for World Cup Soccer Events to promote Litter Prevention & Beautification June 12, June 27, & July 19th - Lora</p>

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	It was decided not to do giveaways at this time.
Need Dates for Other Upcoming Events	<p>SRN – American Flags Add other Clean Ups for July or Aug?</p> <p>ICC Beach Clean-Up 9/19 Tulip Planting -10/3 or 10/10 Planting of Mums? Mayor Pam- Fall Clean Up December Holiday Décor? Chip-A-Tree 1/9</p>
Ideas for Future	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cornell Cooperative Bulb Plantings 2. Mural on Train Trestle (Rt 107) or other locations 3. Storm Drain Emblems 4. House & Garden Tours or Plant Sale to raise money 5. Guest Speaker Luncheon
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm

Commission Meetings *fourth Thursday of the month, 5:15pm start time, at City Hall, unless otherwise noted.
 1/22, 2/26, 3/26, 4/23, 5/28, 6/25, 8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, 12/17 (Holiday Party), 1/9/27 Chip-A-Tree