

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:40 a.m.

Present were: Brett Marshall, Chairperson
 Rob Squiers, GPSIF Representative
 Brett Smith, DPW Director
 Harold Michaux, GPS Grounds Supervisor
 Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chairperson
 Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Also Present: None

Absent: Vicky Boyce, Comm. Member, Daniel Schulte Council Liaison

Reports related to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2013 MEETING

The minutes of the October 8, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Ms. Bai.

2013 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM - RECAP

Mr. Smith reported the trimming program went very well this year due in large part to the additional \$15,000 approved by Council designated to trimming and tree maintenance as well as not a lot of storm damage this year. The south end of the Village has been completed. There were approximately 48 trees removed this year by Dittman Tree Service. Mr. Squiers commented how well the Hawthorne Rd. removals went and there has been a nice mixture of new replacement trees planted. Mr. Marshall stated there is a cluster of ashes left on Woodland Shore Drive that will need to be removed as well and there are approximately 38 ash trees left in the Village out of 343 trees ten years ago.

2013 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall stated there were 30 trees total planted by Marine City Contractors. There were various plantings with the Red Maple being the most popular. Mr. Marshall stated he worked with all the residents to make their selections and to make everyone happy. He also gave kudos to the Tree Board for their success with the Tree Planting program. Mr. Smith agreed it was a success and both Mr. Marshall and Mr. Smith are very satisfied with Marine City. Ms. Bai commented on the nice variety of replacement trees planted. Mr. Michaux commented there are two trees left on Hawthorne that still need to be top-soiled and seeded. Mr. Michaux also stated that the Haigh residence at 28 Hawthorne is interested in a tree for the spring. Mr. Marshall will contact.

TREE CITY USA STATUS

Ms. Michaux stated the 2013 application for Tree City USA status was submitted on November 11, 2013. And status should be received after the first of the year.

2014 ARBOR DAY THEME – May 4, 2014

Ms. Bai stated she would like to continue with the Children's program by selecting a young tree within the park and incorporate different learning activities. She also suggested bringing back the "Johnny Appleseed" character in a few years as it had been a success in years past. She also suggested the possibility of bringing in a speaker as part of the extension program. Mr. Smith will incorporate his storm water community education information to support clean water. It was discussed to begin to work on the Arbor Day Fun Run flyer and the possibility of making a two-sided flyer to include more information about Arbor Day itself. Mr. Smith suggested getting Council's approval on the designated route of the run and whether it should include rollerblading. It was decided that Mr. Marshall, Ms. Bai and Ms. Michaux will meet in mid-March to go over Arbor Day event details.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Brett Marshall commented on the status of the Splash Pad construction at the park. He commented that the process is going well and just a few small limbs had to be trimmed or removed due to location.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Lynn Michaux, Secretary