

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:35 a.m.

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

Also Present: Mark Wollenweber, City Manager

Absent: Brett Smith, DPW Director, Vicky Boyce, Comm. Member, Daniel Schulte Council Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27, 2015 MEETING

The minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Ms. Bai.

2015 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Michaux reported the trimming program will concentrate on Zone #1; Lake Shore Rd. North of Vernier Rd. to Shorecrest and through Moorland. Mr. Marshall commented that there are several trees North of Vernier and West of Lake Shore Rd. that get missed frequently. Mr. Marshall suggested it would be a good idea to meet with Dittman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Michaux and himself to do an overview of the trimming Dittman is responsible for. Mr. Michaux stated that there are areas where trees were removed last year that still need to be attended to. He also stated there are ten trees listed that need to be looked at and there are several trees on the Dittman list that have been paid for but not taken care of yet.

TREE CITY USA STATUS

Mr. Marshall has not yet received confirmation of the Tree City status and will contact Kevin Sayers from the foundation. This will be the 11th year Grosse Pointe Shores will receive Tree City USA Status.

2015 ARBOR DAY THEME – May 3, 2015

Ms. Bai discussed recognizing the Dawn Redwood tree as the theme for this year's activities. She stated for next year's event she would like to have a historian give a presentation on the history of Arbor Day followed by concentrating on the Sugar Maple

tree for 2017. Ms. Michaux stated that Daniel Stahl has been contacted and has generously agreed to donate the Arbor Day t-shirts again this year. The medals have been ordered from Woods Trophies and are ready to pick up. The Improvement Foundation has been contacted and they will supply granola bars and water to the runners. Ms. Bai and Ms. Michaux will review and update the flyer as well. Mr. Marshall stated he was disappointed in the Arbor Day material supplied from the Foundation. Instead of individual informational pamphlets a binder of newsletters was sent. It was decided to copy and distribute two volumes of the newsletters for this event. Mr. Squiers suggested contacting one of the local elementary school Boy or Girls Scout troops to take part and volunteer for the event to earn credit for medals required. Registration for the event begins at 9:00 a.m., the route will stay the same from Osius Park to the Ford Estate and back. Chief Schulte will start the race at 9:30 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Marshall stated that the plaques for the Wilson and Ford trees are in and will be installed prior to the Arbor Day event.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marshall commented he was notified that Mr. Kuypers on Willison requests a tree to be planted in front of his home where one was removed. Mr. Marshall will add him to the list for trees to be planted this spring. He also stated Mr. Kopacka of 36 Hawthorne was a new inquiry and will be added as well. As it was stated at the last meeting, Fall planting was postponed until Spring due to weather conditions. There are 21 trees to be planted by Marine City Contractors.

Ms. Bai stated she was contacted by Ms. Donna Reynolds interested in sponsoring a memorial tree at the park in honor of her father who has passed away. She suggested the Crimson Maple at the park. Mr. Marshall and Ms. Bai will work together on ordering the plaque and having it installed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

Lynn Michaux, Secretary