

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:39 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  
                      Vicky Boyce, Committee Member  
                      Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Also Present:     None

Absent:            Dan Schulte, Council Liaison

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2014 MEETING

The minutes of the July 8, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Smith and supported by Ms. Boyce.

#### 2014 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported there are eighteen trees still to be removed as of this date mostly due to storm damage but a few to disease. Dittman Tree Service has been busy taking care of trees from the last removals and storm damage. General tree trimming has not yet started, but will begin back in Zone #1. The Department has begun trimming low branches throughout the City to accommodate the new tractor purchased to assist in leaf removal this season. Ms. Boyce questioned the state of several of the evergreens looking unhealthy. Mr. Marshall commented there are four Austrian Pines that are tagged to come down on Lake Shore Rd. between Belle Meade and Ballantyne. Mr. Squiers stated replacement should be of a different species of tree.

#### 2014 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall reported there are twenty-four residents on the list for Fall tree planting this year and planting will begin shortly. Ms. Bai stated she has a request for a memorial tree planted at the park. Mr. Marshall assured that she could be accommodated.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS –

Ms. Boyce inquired about the new Schroeder tree and if it will accommodate Christmas lights due to its size and droopiness. Mr. Marshall stated the tree will come around and Mr. Smith stated it will be decorated with colored LED lights this year.

Ms. Bai reported that the Ford, Wilson and Schroeder plaques are complete and ready to be installed. Mr. Marshall stated that he and Ms. Bai will be taking care of all memorial trees and the ordering of plaques from Embree Sign co. The signs take approximately six weeks to complete. Ms. Bai stated the Naz plaque will be done in a few weeks and all plaques will be installed by winter freeze.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50

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Lynn Michaux, Secretary