

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:30 a.m.

Present were: Brett Marshall, Chairperson
 Rob Squiers, GPSIF Representative
 Harold Michaux, DPW Supervisor
 Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chairperson
 Vicky Boyce, Committee Member
 Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison

Absent: Brett Smith, DPW Director

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mrs. Bai and supported by Ms. Boyce.

REVIEW OF 2017 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mrs. Nena Dahling donated \$7,000 and John Boll donated \$2,500 for extensive tree trimming and removal of trees at Osius Park. One tree was removed and two to be scheduled to be removed at a later date. 115 trees were trimmed. The work was completed through the Grosse Pointe Shores Improvement Foundation with Rick of MDL Tree Service performing the work. Of note, Rick informed Brett Marshall that he would be interested in performing more services in the Shores.

TREE CITY USA-STATUS

Brett Marshall reported that the City has applied for its annual Tree City USA status, the Tree Board is waiting for approval at any time for the 15th year. Squiers stated that he applied for a grant from DTE and is awaiting word of such. The theme for this year's Arbor Day will center around the Sugar Maple tree. Mr. Marshall stated that the Arbor Day/Fun Run event has been moved back to Sunday from Saturday. A lengthy discussion ensued as how to increase Arbor Day attendance. Bai suggested to take more pictures and put them in the yearly calendar. Also suggested was enhanced message on the cable station and in the Shorelines Newsletter. Kucyk suggested that possibly the Public Safety Fire House event could be incorporated into the Arbor Day event since it was poorly attended.

2017 ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE-Saturday, May 7, 2017

The theme for this year's Arbor Day will center around the Sugar Maple tree. Mr. Marshall stated that the Arbor Day/Fun Run event has been moved back to Sunday from Saturday. A lengthy discussion ensued as how to increase Arbor Day attendance. A flyer was sent to all homes this year with the park pass packet. Bai stated that Dianne O'Keefe will take photos of the event which will be placed in the 2017 calendar. Brett Marshall will talk to Tom to add the flyer to the May email monthly newsletter to residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Several trees are scheduled to be removed in the Village: 70 Fairford-2 trees, Hawthorne-3 Ash trees. The recent auto accident on Vernier Rd. that destroyed a tree has been removed and insurance will pay for replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Harold will be asking DPW for funding to mulch median trees and gardens along Lake Shore Rd.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Tree Board Secretary