

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:35 a.m.

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

Absent:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2016 MEETING

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mrs. Bai and supported by Mr. Squiers.

REVIEW OF 2016 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith stated that 25 trees have been removed. Elms and Ashes have been dying out at a slower rate but many are gone already. Trimming of Zone #3 has been completed the first week of January.

REVIEW OF 2016 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall stated that 14 trees were planted in 2016. Most of those were street trees planted by Marine City. Squiers commented that there has not been as much need for tree replacement as in years past. Formerly up to 25 trees have been replaced but this year down to 14. Boyce asked about getting larger caliber trees since we are not planting as many. Squiers stated this might be a consideration.

TREE CITY USA-STATUS

It was reported that the City has applied for its annual Tree City USA status. Squiers stated that the replacement program is a requisite of the Tree City status. The GPSIF budgets \$5,000 per year for replacement trees. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Marshall reported that Nena Dahling has commented to him about the need of an arborvitae hedge inside the black fence north of the entrance way to hide the annual fall leaf piles in the Osiuis park parking lot she is considering donating \$6,000 to \$7,000 to help trim or remove trees. A discussion ensued and it was determined that this project cannot proceed until park issues such as moving the park gatehouse is settled. Project tabled. Kucyk commented on the current park issues and stated that we cannot move forward until the location of the gatehouse and tennis courts are established.

NEW BUSINESS

Smith stated that he attended a pre-preliminary meeting regarding 55 S. Deeplands, the Stackpole property. At that meeting, all parties concerned with the purchase of the property agreed that the Tree Board would be contacted concerning the varieties of trees to be planted.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Tree Board Secretary