

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:32 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: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the October 10, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Mr. Kucyk.

REVIEW OF 2017 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith stated to the Board that Zone 4, from Webber Place South to the Village entrance, will be trimmed this winter. Dittman has been hired again this year to conduct the trimming. In addition to Zone 4 there are also a couple of trees on Willison Rd. that still need to be trimmed.

2017 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall reported that 25 trees were planted in Fall of 2017. Squiers reported that the DTE grant that he applied for in 2017 has been received for \$2,500 that will be reimbursed to the GPSIF. In 2017 trees cost approximately \$400 each. Over the last several years the prices have escalated from \$250 to the \$400 current price, thus the grant has paid for approximately 25% of the trees. Again this year, Marine City was hired to install the trees.

TREE CITY USA STATUS

Mr. Marshall reported the 2018 application process is already in motion with the paperwork handled by Lynn Michaux of the Administrative office. This will be the 15th year that Grosse Pointe Shores has acquired Tree City USA status.

2018 ARBOR DAY THEME – Sunday, May 6, 2018

Bai suggested that the history of Arbor Day be the topic of discussion at this year's Arbor Day event. Boyce added that because it will be the Shores' 15th year as a Tree City USA city, she wondered if we could identify some of the trees that were installed 15 years ago in the Shores. Mr. Marshall immediately looked in his files and stated that he had the information from 2003. Bai stated that if photos could be obtained of some of these trees, she would include them on a poster along with the history of Arbor Day and the Tree City USA program.

OLD BUSINESS

Brett Marshall reported that the Bill Dahling replacement memorial tree was planted in November. The tree was planted through funding provided by the GPSIF.

NEW BUSINESS

Marshall is currently working with the Kurt Tech family via the Improvement Foundation to provide a memorial tree in his honor. Michaux suggested planting his memorial tree on Sunningdale Dr. where the family has already installed a grove of silk trees.

Marshall and Squiers reported on the GPSIF meeting held on Monday, January 8, 2018. At that meeting the Tree Replacement program was approved to continue with funding from the Improvement Foundation.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Tree Board Secretary