

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES  
TREE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2020

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:35 a.m.

Present were:       Brett Marshall, Chairperson  
                          Harold Michaux, DPW Supervisor  
                          Rob Squiers GPSIF Representative  
                          Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chair  
                          Brett Smith, DPW Director

Absent:               Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison  
                          Vicky Boyce, Committee Member

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

Newly appointed Tree Board Member Paul Manion was introduced and welcomed to the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2019 MEETING

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Ms. Bai.

REVIEW OF 2019 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Brett Smith spoke regarding the 2019 Tree Maintenance Program stating that Zone #1 regular trimming has been completed at the Northern end of the Village. Funds were also procured to trim trees around city hall, but has not yet been completed due to Arbor Pro having equipment problems. Two trees at city hall including a large Locust and an Elm have been in decline. The Locust was injected and seems to be improving. However, Brett Marshall stated that the Elm has Dutch Elm disease and probably cannot be saved.

REVIEW OF 2019 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Squiers applied for obtained a \$2,500 DTE grant with the remaining balance being funded by the GPSIF. Letters were sent to residents, and twenty-two new trees were planted at a cost of \$350 per tree, which is a reduced price from last year. Two Maples at 53 Clairview were included at the request of the Peacock family. Marine City planted

the trees as in the past. A variety of trees were planted, including Maples, Hybrid Elms, Tulip trees and Lindens.

### TREE CITY USA STATUS

The city is on schedule to become Tree City USA status for the seventeenth year. The Tree City Status application for this year was submitted on November 15, 2019.

### 2020 ARBOR DAY THEME- Sunday, May 3, 2020

Mrs. Bai suggested the 2020 Arbor Day theme be centered around the Dawn Redwood tree which was planted in the park near the pavilion several years ago in honor of William Clay Ford. This tree was chosen as it is quickly becoming a beautiful specimen tree. The board would like to invite Martha Ford to participate in the Arbor Day Observance which will center around the tree planted in her husband's honor. Mr. Manion suggested that a new Fun Run theme could be changed to the Arbor Day Awareness Run. The board unanimously agreed to change the title of Fun Run to the Arbor Day Awareness Run and this will be reflected on the annual flyer that will be distributed. The Board discussed continuing the Arbor Day Celebration at the bath house patio including the special activities of the poster contest and face painting.

### OLD BUSINESS - None

### NEW BUSINESS

Brett Smith reported that the South Macomb Disposal Authority wanted suggestions regarding planting trees at landfills that have been shut down. Brett Marshall suggested having them contact Marine City to purchase trees at a reduced cost.

New Board Member Paul Manion expressed his pleasure as being appointed to the Tree Board.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2020.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Bai supported by Manion the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

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Tree Board Secretary