

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES  
TREE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 8, 2019

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:30 a.m.

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

Absent: Brett Marshall, Chairperson

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 MEETING

The minutes of the October 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Kucyk and supported by Ms. Boyce.

REVIEW OF 2019 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Brett Smith spoke regarding the 2019 Tree Maintenance Program stating that Zone #1 will be trimmed at the northern end of the Village. Arbor Pro has been selected to do the trimming. Harold Michaux asked for some of the municipal building trees be included as well.

2018 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Squiers stated that the Foundation planted sixteen new trees for a total of \$6,300.00, this is an increase in price from prior years when trees could be obtained for as little as \$275.00 each. Three of the new trees were planted on Hampton Rd. with the others scattered throughout the Village including Osius park. At the Park, the Pear trees in the median were removed due to blight. Mr. Marshall selected White Spruce to replace the Pears. Two observations were made concerning the replacement evergreens. Ms. Boyce commented that she has always enjoyed having the shade of the deciduous trees for the cars in the parking lot. Mr. Squiers reported that the conifers will also obstruct the view between the guard houses. A possible replacement of the trees to other locations will be looked into.

## TREE CITY USA STATUS

The city is on schedule to become Tree City USA status for the sixteenth year. Trees are available for all residents who request them for their easements.

## 2019 ARBOR DAY THEME- Sunday, May 5, 2019

Mrs. Bai suggested the 2019 Arbor Day theme be Diversity of Trees at Osius Park. She requested Brett Smith to provide to her the acreage of the park. She also asked Squiers to review the GPSIF records over the last 10 years to provide any unusual trees planted by the Foundation. She will use these pieces of information to construct a poster for Diversity of Trees. The Board discussed continuing the Arbor Day Celebration at the bath house patio including the special activities of the poster contest and face painting. Mrs. Bai requested Judges for the Poster Contest of the Tree Board and several volunteered. The Board is always looking for new ways to increase attendance at the event.

## OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the city Tree Ordinance in the light of the 55 S. Deeplands tree issue. The removal of the trees still remains to be an issue. The Board feels the Ordinance is weak and needs to be expanded. Kucyk reported that City Attorney Brian Renaud is currently working on updating the ordinance.

## NEW BUSINESS

None

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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Tree Board Secretary