

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, July 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  
                          Brett Smith, DPW Director

Absent: Committee Members Doug Kucyk and Vicky Boyce

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting was made by Mrs. Bai. A discussion ensued regarding Rick of MDL Tree Service and his interest in future tree trimming for the City. The motion as supported by Brett Smith; unanimously approved.

#### REVIEW OF 2017 ARBOR DAY EVENT-Sunday, May 7, 2017

A discussion took place regarding attendance at the 2017 Arbor Day event. The decision was made to keep the Arbor Day registration and activities at the main gate entrance as was done this year, as it made it easier and was self-contained in one spot.

#### 2017 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Brett Smith stated that tree trimming will begin in Autumn after the leaves have fallen. Smith reported that one tree on Willow Tree and two at 40 Sunningdale Dr. are scheduled to be removed this year. In addition, three elm trees, two at the Municipal Building median and one on Lake Shore Rd. are in decline due to Dutch Elm disease and may also have to be removed. It was also stated that a Linden tree in the Willow Tree cul-de-sac needs to be removed. In the discussion that followed, the Tree Board is thankful to City Council for the funds to maintain and remove City trees. Smith stated that there is far less storm damage to Grosse Pointe Shores trees compared to other cities.

#### GPSIF UPDATE

The Improvement Foundation has a meeting scheduled in September and they awaiting approval of the tennis court restoration by City Council. They will continue the Tree Planting Program for 2017. Marshall stated that currently there are eight trees to be

planted this Fall. A discussion followed concerning the variety of replacement trees for the two large Elms in the Municipal median. Liberty Elms were suggested; however they are slow growing trees. Brett Smith suggested planting larger trees initially to make up for the slow growth of the Liberty Elms. Michaux stated that the number of replacement Elms be limited to two.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Brett Marshall stated that the condition of the seascapes has become critical. In the discussion that followed it was decided that the Tree Board ask City Council for the authority to determine how to update the seascapes. There are currently seven seascapes. Some need to be re-adopted by residents, while others may need to be down-sized or removed. It was discussed as to how to get the word out to residents concerning adopting the seascapes. It was suggested the Grosse Pointe Shores cable channel, the Shorelines monthly newsletter and local newspaper articles could inform our residents. The removal of un-adopted seascapes, may be set for October/November of this year.

NEW BUSINESS - None

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

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Tree Board Secretary