

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:30 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 (arrived 7:50 a.m.)
 Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Absent: Daniel Schulte Council Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2014 MEETING

The minutes of the April 8, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Ms. Bai.

2014 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported the tree trimming program is behind schedule at this time due to the contractor being called off on emergency storm damage and removals, with removals first and then trimming. 20 trees are to be removed this year within the Village; 19 Ash and 1 Elm. Mr. Michaux stated there is a Locust on Lake Shore Rd. as well as a dead tree on the Wayne County side at Stratton and the center median near 521 Lake Shore Rd.

2014 ARBOR DAY REVIEW – May 4, 2014

Helen Bai commented the event went very well with attendance about the same as last year. The children's activities and the memorial tree plantings also went well. She stated she received a note from Mary Wilson thanking the Village for honoring her husband with the tree and thanked everyone for their efforts. Ms. Bai also spoke to Mrs. Ford who stated she will come to the park often to visit the tree.

GPSIF UPDATE

Mr. Marshall suggested the Tree Board handle the issuance of memorial dedication trees to better track when private parties inquire and all plaques are uniform. Committee members agreed unanimously. Helen Bai commented that Embree Sign Co. produces the memorial plaques and do a great job. Ms. Bai will take care of supplying the information to Embree. She stated they offer computerized generated proofs and the signs are of excellent quality. Ms. Boyce questioned if bricks would be a

better choice instead of stand-up plaques in terms of maintenance. Ms. Bai stated the signs are within mulched beds around the trees so there is not a problem of being disturbed or damaged.

Mr. Marshall stated the last three trees to be planted as part of the Tree Planting Program will be in the Fall with 2 on Hawthorne Rd. and 1 on Lochmoor and also stated he has 4 new inquiries for trees as well. Mr. Smith commented he has a request for trees at 50 Lochmoor, the Bodenmiller residence where 3 Ashes have been lost. Mr. Marshall will contact the resident. Mr. Michaux commented they may settle for 2 trees.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith commented that the planting of the Schoreder Norway Spruce went very well. It was planted by Three C's Landscaping and is being watered twice a week.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Marshall stated that he was contacted by Kurt and Carole Tech who would like to donate 3 trees to the Village for the Lochmoor/Sunningdale Island and suggested a Japanese Maple. Mr. Squiers commented that could take place in the Fall as part of the Tree Planting Program. Mr. Smith questioned if the tree is on the approved list and a good tree for that area. Mr. Marshall stated it is a perfect tree for that location.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

Lynn Michaux, Secretary