

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. 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

Absent: Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2017 MEETING

The minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Ms. Boyce.

REVIEW OF 2017 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith stated to the Board that Zone 4, the Deeplands Subdivision will be trimmed this winter. He stated there is a lot of trimming to be done since it hasn't been trimmed in years. He also stated that the Board will contact other vendors for tree trimming price comparisons. Approximately 10 trees need to be cut down this Fall on streets including Sunningdale, Willison and Osius Park. Included in these are ash trees that have succumbed to the Emerald Ash Borer.

2017 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Squiers reported that on behalf of the GPSIF he applied for and received from DTE a tree purchasing grant. The grant is for a maximum of \$125 for the purchase of up to 20 trees. DTE requests recognition of the grant. In the following discussion, suggestions included putting articles in the Shorelines Newsletter, the City website and in the GPSIF newsletter. Mr. Squiers reported that the current price from Marine City is \$395 per tree. Most of the trees have a 2 to 3 inch caliper.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning locations to re-plant 20 trees. It appears that Squiers and Marshall will not have to tour the Village to select locations for new trees, as there are many locations where trees have died and need to be replaced. At least 8 to 10 trees are scheduled for replacement on Sunningdale alone. The Board considered replacing the two Elm trees on Lake Shore Rd. in front of the Municipal building. Bai recommended planting trees that have Fall color. The Board discussed the possibility of a Maple tree.

OLD BUSINESS

Concerning the Seascapes; the Improvement Foundation will maintain 6 of the 7 seascapes (Backer Landscaping maintains the 7th seascape). Mary Matuja obtained bids from various landscape companies. Landscape America was selected at a cost of \$8,000 per year. They will schedule 3 visits a year per seascape. Discussion took place regarding the network of weed-roots beneath the seascapes. Bai recommended that the landscape companies be made aware of this problem as it is not a visible one.

NEW BUSINESS

The tennis courts at Osius Park are scheduled to be totally replaced in April. The Tree Board discussed the possibility of trees being added the following Fall as part of its replacement program.

In the 2018 Arbor Day discussion it was agreed to have the Arbor Day observance at the entrance of the park again as this location worked out extremely well in 2017.

Mr. Michaux commented that the trees on the soccer portion of Schroeder Field need to be trimmed this winter. Additional monies from City Council will need to be requested.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 9 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Tree Board Secretary