

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:35 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: Daniel Schulte Council Liaison

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2015 MEETING

The minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mrs. Bai and supported by Mr. Smith .

REVIEW OF 2015 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Dittman Tree Service is in the process of trimming trees. The tree service is being paid by the hour and not in lump sum, they are trimming three to four trees a day on average and need to speed up their trimming. Zone #1 is complete. City Council has provided funds for Zone #2. Trimming has resulted in that no trees have been damaged by storms this year.

2015 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

16 trees are to be planted this season. 1 is a replacement tree at 43 Hawthorne Rd. and the other 15 are new trees with 1 being a memorial tree.

Mrs. Tech is in the process of donating 6 Lilac trees which will be planted between Lochmoor and Sunningdale. They are to match the existing Lilacs in the area. .

OLD BUSINESS

In an attempt to increase participation on Arbor Day, Tom Krolczyk of the Administrative office suggested that we move the Fun Run from Sunday to Saturday. A short discussion followed concerning problems with people's work and children's sporting activities were mentioned. Brett Marshall will discuss this with the Administration.

NEW BUSINESS

From resident phone calls Brett Smith received he inquired whether if there is an ordinance (that can be enforced by the Tree Board) about a homeowner building a house and then cutting down all of the trees on the property. A discussion ensued regarding if the Planning Commission oversee and approve landscaping plans as part of the building plan process. Mrs. Bai stated she could contact Bill Whetsone, the landscaper of the property to inquire whether trees were to be planted.

The Warren Wilkinson family would like to have a memorial tree planted at the park. It was questioned whether Mr. Wilkinson was a Grosse Pointe Shores resident. This will be researched before responding. The question was brought up should a resident requesting a memorial tree be allowed to dictate the variety of tree to be planted. Mrs. Bai, as Memorial Tree Coordinator responded that this has not been done in the past. The type of tree depends on location in the park and on maintain tree diversity.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Lynn Michaux, Secretary