

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

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:37 a.m.

Present were:       Brett Marshall, Chairperson  
                          Rob Squiers GPSIF Representative  
                          Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chair  
                          Brett Smith, DPW Director

Absent:               Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison  
                          Harold Michaux, DPW Supervisor  
                          Vicki Boyce, Committee Member

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2019 MEETING

The minutes of the October 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Squiers and supported by Bai.

2019 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Brett Smith reported that the elm tree in the center median in front of city hall is to be removed. Also, Arbor Pro has been delayed in trimming trees around city hall because of equipment problems. The decision has been made to trim back and fertilize the deadwood on the locust in front of city hall instead of removing it. Smith emphasized the importance of the tree trimming program. He emphasized that storms do not cause so much damage because of the tree trimming program.

FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Marshall reported that so far only two residents to date have requested trees to be planted. He recommended that Squiers and he will drive the village to see where trees need to be planted. Squiers reported that DTE has granted the city \$2,500 for new trees. This comes out to \$125 per tree. In discussing where new trees should be planted, Smith stated that the DPW is scheduled to remove some trees on Lochmoor and Sunningdale. This may provide an area for new trees. Oxford Rd. was also mentioned as a spot for new trees. It was discussed that no new trees should be planted at the park because there are too many proposals for projects at the park by the Improvement Foundation. Smith stated that additional willows at the park would be useful because they help to hold the ground together.

### GPSIF UPDATE

Marshall reported that the new tot lot is up and running. Smith reported that during construction, an electric line was hit and repairs had to be made. Squiers requested that the cost of the repairs be sent to the Improvement Foundation.

Squiers stated that the Foundation is looking for projects, especially at the park which included items such as a new pickle ball court and a second pavilion. Smith commented that he would like them to save up for a larger project like a new pool.

### OLD BUSINESS

Marshall contacted Paul Manion who is very anxious to be a Tree Board member. He was invited to today's meeting but was unable to attend.

### NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed to keep Arbor Day in the same location at the park. Bai recommended that the theme for 2020 be the fast-growing Dawn Redwood tree which is becoming an astonishing tree at the park. The other elements of Arbor Day would remain the same including the poster contest.

Marshall has offered to donate lighting for the new spruces at the park for the holiday season. Smith commented that the pine trees at the dog park were showing signs of distress and Marshall agreed to look at the trees.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Tree Board Secretary