

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. 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, GPS Grounds Supervisor
 Bruce Bisballe, Council Liaison
 Vicky Boyce, Comm. Member
 Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chairperson
 Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Also Present: Mark Wollenweber, City Manager

Absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2012 MEETING

The minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Smith and supported by Ms. Boyce.

2012 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported the department has increased its trimming program this year in areas where necessary. There were 11 removals this year by Dittman Tree Service, 2 were ash, 4 elms and various others. Mr. Michaux stated there is a Linden tree at the parks that requires removal and trimming of a Willow on the boardwalk.

2012 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall reported there are 17 trees on the list so far. Marine City Contractors are keeping their pricing the same; \$250 to \$275 per tree. The cost is 100% covered by the GPSIF as their sponsorship of the Fall Tree Planting Program. Trees are planted mid-November. Mr. Marshall reported Marine City Contractors are very prompt and effective and feels there is no reason of any kind to change contractors.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Bai commented on the decline in attendance at the Arbor Day Fun Run. Brett Marshall suggested planting a tree annually in honor of Arbor Day and encouraged committee members to come up with some ideas to help boost attendance for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Brett Marshall commented on the Approved Tree List that it contains such a wide range of trees to select from that some are difficult to find and suggested condensing the list somewhat. Mr. Squiers agreed and will make some changes. Ms. Boyce suggested getting a little more detail from the resident as to what type of tree they are looking for and then give them their choices.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50

Lynn Michaux, Secretary