

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 10, 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  
                          Helen Bai, GPS Beautification Comm. Chairperson  
                          Bruce Bisballe, Council Liaison  
                          Mark Wollenweber, Interim City Manager  
                          Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Absent:               Victoria Boyce, Committee Member

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2012 MEETING

The minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Smith, supported by Mr. Squiers.

#### 2012 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported that there is no active maintenance program currently. The city has been conducting hazard and storm damage trimming and removal only. Mr. Michaux stated there is still stumping to be completed on Hampton and Edgewood and that Dittman Tree Service will be contacted to complete removal. Mr. Smith commented that the department will do some elevation trimming of trees to allow for snow plow and garbage truck clearance.

#### GPSIF TRIMMING PROJECT

Mr. Marshall reported that the Boll family is extremely pleased with the tree trimming project their donation went towards for the trimming of the North side islands of Lake Shore Rd. The GPSIF covered the balance of the cost as well as the South side trimmings costs. Mr. Smith commented that he received several positive phone calls regarding the trimming and commended Dittman Tree Service on their outstanding job.

#### STATUS OF THE "TREE CITY USA"- ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Mr. Marshall stated he received confirmation of the City's Tree City USA status and it is the 7<sup>th</sup> year Grosse Pointe Shores has received Tree City USA status. He will request to be put on the City Council agenda for the upcoming April 17, 2012 meeting to present

the annual Tree Board update and present Mayor Kedzierski with the Arbor Day Proclamation to be signed and be displayed at the Arbor Day festivities on Sunday, May 6, 2012.

### 2012 ARBOR DAY THEME

Helen Bai discussed the observance of the Birch tree and its different species. Children's activities will be included describing the comparisons and contrasts of the different characteristics of the Birch species. Mr. Smith will display a Storm Water Presentation as part of the requirement for Water Shed Public Education status.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Squiers requested Mr. Smith and Mr. Michaux review the updated Approved Tree List one more time. Mr. Marshall suggested keeping on the agenda for next month. Once reviewed, the Board will then take action to approve the list with the Birch tree omitted. Mr. Squiers stated once the Board has approved the updated list, he will take to Council.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smith discussed receiving an anonymous complaint regarding overgrown shrubs at the corner of S. Deeplands and Lake Shore Rd. He has contacted the resident several times to no avail. He stated they are so overgrown they cannot be trimmed and should be removed. Mr. Bisballe stated that this issue is not a Tree Board issue. The Public Safety department should address the issue. The resident is in violation of the ordinance and should be issued a citation due to unsafe passage. Mr. Wollenweber suggested Mr. Smith draft a letter and have delivered by Public Safety to see if resident will respond.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., July 10, 2012.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58

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Lynn Michaux, Secretary