

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. 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, GPS Grounds Supervisor  
                          Helen Bai, GPS Beautification Comm. Chairperson  
                          Bruce Bisballe, Council Liaison  
                          Victoria Boyce, Committee Member  
                          Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Absent:               Mark Wollenweber, City Manager

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2013 MEETING

The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were deferred until the end of meeting on motion by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Squiers for committee members to review; members had not received minutes prior to the meeting. Unanimously approved.

#### 2013 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported that there is no active maintenance program currently. The city will be conducting roadway, hazard, storm damage and necessary trimming and removal only. Mr. Smith commented the department will do some elevation trimming of trees to allow for equipment clearance. Trimming at the park previously discussed at the January meeting has not yet taken place. Mr. Bisballe noted that there is approximately \$15,000 in the budget to cover trimming costs. Mr. Smith advised that he has received several calls from residents regarding Detroit Edison trimming in the city. Mr. Smith commented on Edison's lack of communication in contacting the department in advance of such projects. Edison is currently conducting line clearance trimming on northbound Lake Shore Road. Mr. Squiers inquired about the ash tree status. Mr. Marshall noted that Hawthorne Rd. is looking bad and tree removal will be forthcoming. Mr. Michaux commented that three to five trees were removed last year.

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

Mrs. Michaux reported receipt of the City's 2012 Tree City USA recognition. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> year Grosse Pointe Shores has received Tree City USA status. Mrs. Michaux updated the Arbor Day Proclamation to be displayed at the event on Sunday, May 5, 2013. She also noted receipt of a \$150 donation made to the City in memory of Ed Brady to be

used towards planting a memorial tree. Mr. Marshall will contact Susan Walton of the GPSIF.

### 2013 ARBOR DAY THEME

Helen Bai discussed the observance of young trees as the theme this year that will include the planting of a tulip tree at the park and various related children's activities. Committee members discussed and expressed their desire to change the Fun Run route back to its original route to the Ford Estate and back. Mr. Smith commented on the amount of man-power, time spent and road cones necessary to conduct last year's extension route south of Vernier Rd. to the City limit which far exceeded the attendance of runners. It was suggested to discuss the route of choice with Mr. Wollenweber upon his return.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Smith stated he would begin Willow tree trimming at the park in July and asked Mr. Marshall if it is suggested to trim in the summer months. Mr. Marshall indicated it is good time for trimming. He indicated there is some hazard/safety trimming that should be done as soon as possible. Mr. Michaux suggested concentrating on the Linden tree located near the bath house/baby pool picnic area. Mr. Smith stated he will have that taken care of before the park opens officially on the Memorial holiday weekend.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

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The minutes of the January 8, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Marshall and supported by Ms. Bai.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., July 9, 2013.

### ADJOURNMENT

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

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Lynn Michaux, Secretary