

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, October 8, 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
 Bruce Bisballe, Council Liaison
 Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chairperson
 Lynn Michaux, GPS Admin. Assistant/Secretary

Also Present: None

Absent: Vicky Boyce, Comm. Member

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2013 MEETING

The minutes of the July 9, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Smith and supported by Ms. Bai.

2013 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith reported the department has increased its trimming program this year in areas where necessary in part due to the additional \$15,000 approved by Council designated to trimming and tree maintenance. Trimming will be conducted in Zones 3 and 4 at the south end including some trimming at the park and miscellaneous trees on Edgewood. There were approximately 48 tree removals this year by Dittman Tree Service between the removals at the dog park and on Hawthorne Rd. Mr. Bisballe complimented the look of the dog park as there is much more sunlight and the new grass is taking hold nicely. Mr. Michaux stated a few trees will be planted to replace what was removed but nowhere near what was there prior to removals. Mr. Marshall commented there is a Willow tree at 547 Ballantyne that should be removed as the root system is lifting the sidewalk and causing a hazard, also an Ash tree on Roslyn Rd. should be taken down. Mr. Bisballe commented that the tree trimming program has proven that it is going well and we are maintaining what we have.

2013 FALL TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Mr. Marshall reported that he and Mr. Squiers conducted a tree survey throughout the Village and came up with locations for 43 trees as part of the Fall Tree Planting Program this year. Mr. Marshall stated he will be sending out letters of interest to homeowners to see who may want to take advantage of the program. So far there are eight interested residents. 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

Brett Marshall provided an Ash Tree Inventory sheet indicating as part of a 2003 Ash Tree Inventory there were 343 Ash trees total throughout the Village and to date there are 38, mostly left on Woodland Shore Drive, S. Deeplands Road, and Webber Place.

NEW BUSINESS

Brett Marshall commented on the status of the Splash Pad construction at the park. He commented that the process is going well and just a few small limbs had to be trimmed or removed due to location.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48

Lynn Michaux, Secretary