

## **Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board**

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Marshall at 7:32 a.m.

Present: Marshall, Michaux, Schroder, Squiers, Way, Bai

Absent: Paul Manion, Vicky Boyce

### **Approval of Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Meeting**

Minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Bai and supported by Squiers.

### **2022 General Tree Maintenance**

Reported by Way that in 2022 DPW will take a larger role in tree maintenance because of budget restraints. Maintenance will begin in the park and then move to city streets.

### **2021 Fall Tree Planting Program Recap**

Squiers reported that 20 trees were planted throughout the village for a total of \$7,045.00 as part of the GPSIF Tree Planting Program. He received a grant from the DTE Foundation for \$150 per tree planted. The cost per tree is approximately \$350 through Marine City Landscape Services. The GPSIF has planted over 1,000 trees since this program started.

### **2022 Arbor Day Theme**

The Sugar Maple-Native Planting for Hummingbirds.

Bai suggested and it was discussed, what year our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of becoming Tree City USA status is. Bai stated she will look into the year, as a 20 year celebration will be incorporated into the Arbor Day event for that year.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Mike Way presented the current tree trimming contract with Arbor Pro. Arbor Pro is still honoring the current contract and no increases will take place for 2022.

Brett Marshall stated the GPSIF is looking into a new landscape project in front of the park on Lake Shore Rd. North along the park fencing. It is designed to obscure the view of the parking lot especially at leaf season and of storing equipment. Mike Way stated that the DPW likes the idea. However, he did state that he has a very small maintenance crew and whatever will be planted, his department will have to maintain. Schroder asked about the bare area to the right of the new driveway entrance to the park. Way stated that there is a plan to place an emergency entrance gate in that area. Discussion resumed

regarding the left side of the park gate and that Kuppe would draw up a plan and present it at a future date.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.