

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting June 4, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:03 p.m.

The following members were present:

Kate Colborn
Laura Gaskin
Maria Galbo
Gary Lechner
Paul Lechner
Mary Ellen Meyering
Christina Pitts
Randy Rennpage

The following members were excused:

Steve Skorupski

The following members were absent:

Tim Madigan

The following were also in attendance:

Michael Koester, Council Representative
Ken Peterson
Paul Siewert

Motion by Maria Galbo, seconded by Randy Rennpage to approve the agenda for the meeting June 4, 2025 passed by the following vote.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Excused: 1

Motion by Gary Lechner, seconded by Maria Galbo to approve the minutes for the meetings on April 2, 2025 and May 7, 2025 passed by the following vote.

Yes: 8 No: 0 Excused: 1

Treasurer's Report:

Rennpage reported that there were no changes to the Tree Commission balance which stands at \$1847.50.

Old Business:

- A. The Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony went well. Attendees and members enjoyed the recognition of their neighbors and the sharing of stories. Suggestions for future improvement included providing a picture of the tree and marker to the donor, sending council members an e-mail reminder prior to the ceremony and beginning our organization earlier to avoid last minute planning.
- B. The Arbor Day tree sale went well for our first time participating with the other cities. 135 trees were sold, 20 to GPW residents. There will probably not be a fall sale but should be one next spring.
- C. The Arbor Day school visits went well. Suggestions for improvement included having the entrants put both the first and last names on the posters to avoid having to collect that information later, and creating an outline of what the presenters should include in the school visit. This would greatly help new presenters. Also, a commission member needs to chair this event and plan the contest dates and the presentation logistics ahead of time to avoid last minute issues.

New Business:

- D. A motion was made to suspend the July and August meetings and to next meet in September by Laura Gaskin. Cate Colborn seconded. The motion passed by the following vote.
Yes: 8 No: 0 Excused: 1

Council representative Michael Koester provided an update of current city business.

Motion to adjourn at 8:24 PM moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Galbo, was unanimous.

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