Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting September 2, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:05 p.m.

The following members were present:
Kate Colborn
Dean Knuth
Paul Lechner
Mary Ellen Meyering
Randy Rennpage
Steve Skorupski

The following members were excused:
Maria Galbo

The following members were absent

The following were also in attendance:
Michael Koester, Council Representative
Caitlin Babul
Mark Bruce

Motion by Rennpage, seconded by Colborn to approve the agenda for the meeting September 2, 2026 passed by the following vote.
Yes: 6 No: 0 Excused: 1

Motion by Meyering, seconded by Rennpage to approve the minutes for the meeting on June 3, 2026 passed by the following vote.
Yes: 6 No: 0 Excused: 1

Treasurer's Report:
Randy Rennpage reported on our accounts status.

Old Business:

A. Three of the five poster contest winners were honored at the June 15 City Council meeting. The Tree City USA flag was also presented at that meeting. The students and their families were very happy to be honored and to receive their Commemorative

coins. As June is a very busy time, our goal for the future is to honor the winners in May and get the date to the families well ahead of time.

B. Three applicants for membership on the Commission were considered. All candidates presented excellent applications and were well received. A motion by Rennpage, seconded by Skorupski to nominate all three passed by the following vote.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Excused: 1

C. A motion was made by Knuth to immediately certify this vote in order to approve the nominations more quickly. It was seconded by Colborn and passed by the following vote.

Yes: 6 No: 0 Excused: 1

New Business:

A. The City has approved the fall tree giveaway. There will be 50 trees on a first come, first served basis. Four varieties will be available, Red Sunset Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, Eastern Redbud and Paper Birch. Knuth and Skorupski have offered to help with planting the trees.

B. Lechner has spoken to Van's Pines about the trees available for April 2027. They have lots of white pines in stock. We need to get an accurate number of third graders for the program. Colborn will take care of this for our October meeting. Tree bagging will take place April 22, 2027. We will plan to go to the schools to present the poster contest and talk about trees and then return to present the winners and the trees.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM moved by Rennpage, and seconded by Meyering, was unanimous.

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