

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting December 7, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gaskin at 7:34 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews
Tim Butler
Ted Colborn
Maria Galbo
Laura Gaskin
Peter Groschner
Tim Madigan
Mary Ellen Meyering
Randy Rennpage

The following members were excused:

Paul Lechner

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:

Melinda Billingsley
Gary Lechner
Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Rennpage, seconded by Butler to approve the agenda for the meeting December 7, 2022 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 1

Motion by Groschner, seconded by Galbo to approve the minutes for the meeting November 2, 2022 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 1

Treasurer's Report: Our balance is \$1059.98. \$340.02 was deposited for Memorial trees since the last report.

Old Business:

Discussion of candidates for open Commission positions was first on the agenda. Gary Lechner has been recommended to the City Council and we await it's approval.

There was a good discussion of Poster themes. Ideas presented included “Trees are Terrific,” “Green Canopies, Blue Skies,” “Trees Green the Earth and Blue the Skies” and using the Seasons as a theme. We will make a final decision at the February meeting. All members and guests are encouraged to bring an idea for a theme to that meeting.

Andrews met with Jim Kowalski of the DPW. 19 more trees are scheduled for planting this season. Mr. Kowalski thinks tagging homes without a tree in the easement and asking if they would like one is not necessary as we already have a waiting list for trees. After discussion we decided that we would like to tag homes in a small area to see what the response is. It was felt that a demonstration of citizen interest in trees on their easement would let the city know that this expense should be given some priority.

The DPW plans to replace damaged Memorial stones if requested by the donor. About 100 stones are not located at this time.

The DPW has indicated an interest in planting more trees, including on Mack Ave.

New Business:

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Groschner to recommend that the January Commission meeting be suspended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 1

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. moved by Butler, and seconded by Andrews, was unanimous.

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