Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting October 7, 2026.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:
Caitlin Babul
Mark Bruce
Don Cannon
Kate Colborn
Maria Galbo
Paul Lechner
Mary Ellen Meyering
Randy Rennpage
Steve Skorupski

The following members were excused:
Dean Knuth

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:
Michael Koester, Council Representative
Pat Kiska

Motion by Galbo, seconded by Rennpage to approve the agenda for the meeting October 7, 2026 passed by the following vote.
Yes: 10 No: 0 Excused: 1

Motion by Galbo, seconded by Bruce to approve the minutes for the meeting on September 2, 2026 passed by the following vote.
Yes: 10 No: 0 Excused: 1

Treasurer's Report:
Randy Rennpage reported that there were no changes to our account status.

Old Business:

A. Pat Kiska has been approved as a Commission member by the Mayor. Her appointment will go before council on October 19.
B. The Fall Tree Giveaway went well. The trees were given out in concierge style by order of arrival. Again the Eastern Redbud was the most popular, but all trees were welcomed. Four remaining Sunset Maples will be placed by the city. Citizens were pleased with all the helpers from the DPW who helped load trees and provided plastic bags to keep the cars clean. We even had chairs for those waiting in line! The Mayor was pleased and said we will do this again next year.

    There was some discussion of acquiring end of season trees from local retailers. Lechner will find out how much the city spent on the trees distributed.
C. The current count of students for the Arbor Day program is 240, so we will order 300 tree plugs again. Lechner will find out the tree options and let the members know.

New Business:

A. Committee responsibilities for next year are as follows:
    Tree giveaway: Colborn
    Poster contest: Babul
    Tree Dedication ceremony: Skorupski
    Scheduling school visits: Rennpage
        Star of the Sea:
        Liggett:
        Montieth: Bruce
        Ferry: Babul
        Mason: Rennpage
        Tree bagging: Knuth and Bruce

B. Galbo, Lechner and Rennpage all plan to continue as Commission members for another term

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 PM moved by Rennpage, and seconded by Meyering, was unanimous.

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