

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting October 5, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:32 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews  
Maria Galbo  
Laura Gaskin  
Paul Lechner  
Mary Ellen Meyering

The following members were excused:

Ted Colborn  
Randy Rennpage

The following members were absent:

Tim Butler  
Peter Groschner

The following were also in attendance:

Melinda Billingsley  
Mr. and Mrs. Martin  
Lawrence Sobson, Dept. of Natural Resources  
Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Gaskin, seconded by Andrews to approve the agenda for the meeting October 5, 2022 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

Motion by Galbo, seconded by Gaskin to approve the minutes for the meeting September 7, 2022 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

Treasurer's Report: Randy Rennpage was absent, so no report was given.

Old Business:

Discussion of candidates for open Commission positions was first on the agenda. Lechner was unable to reach Megan Irving. Melinda Billingsley was in attendance and is deciding which

Commission will work out best for her. Lechner introduced Tim Madigan, a new candidate and gave a synopsis of our annual activities. Madigan expressed interest in joining the Commission.

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Galbo to nominate Madigan for the Commission passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

Motion by Galbo, seconded by Andrews to recommend that City Council immediately certify the candidate passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 No: 0 Absent: 4

The City has approved the purchase of 300 Black Hills Spruce seedlings for the Arbor Day program. The check has been mailed.

The Fall planting program will place 40 trees this year. Council doubled the funds for this activity and we were approved for a DTE Tree Planting Grant of \$4000 for public trees!

Concerns for the lack of new trees being planted in the Mack Ave. median were discussed. As the median is owned by Wayne County we need to work through Tim Killeen, the County Commissioner to rectify this. Lawrence Sobson would be happy to assist in any way possible, including designing a planting plan.

All current officers agreed to stay in their positions and Commissioners with terms about to expire have also indicated their plans to continue.

Discussion of tasks and responsibilities was deferred to next month

New Business:

The state of the trees in the Mack Ave median was discussed. Mr. Sobson told us about his responsibilities, his willingness to speak to groups, the dangers of invasive pests and which trees are good for planting.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Andrews, was unanimous.

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