

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting February 1, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews
Ted Colborn
Maria Galbo
Laura Gaskin
Peter Groschner
Gary Lechner
Paul Lechner
Tim Madigan
Mary Ellen Meyering

The following members were excused:

Tim Butler
Randy Rennpage

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:

Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Groschner to approve the agenda for the meeting February 1, 2023 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Andrews to approve the minutes for the meeting December 7, 2022 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Treasurer's Report: None

Old Business:

Gary Lechner has been approved and sworn in as a Commission member.

There was a good discussion of Poster themes. Ultimately the group settled on "Trees keep the Woods cool" as the theme. A disclaimer will be added to the rules indicating that the posters may not be returned which would allow for displaying the posters in various places in the City.

Poster blanks will be distributed to the Commission at our next meeting, so they can be delivered to the schools the week of March 21. The contest will close to entries on April 19 and Commission members will pick up the completed entries from the schools on April 20. Trees will be delivered to the DPW about April 17 and members will bag them on Thursday April 20 at 4:30 p.m. Members will visit the schools the following week. We will honor the winners at a City Council meeting in May.

A motion was made by Groschner to request the same budget from Council as we have had in the past. It was seconded by Madigan and passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

New Business:

Andrews will reach out to the DPW to determine the number of trees for the April Memorial Tree Ceremony. Galbo will handle the refreshments and Lechner will contact the local media.

Lechner will check on the Tree City USA application.

Meyering moved that "As a Commission, we believe there is a deficit of trees in the boulevards of Mack Ave and Vernier Road. We encourage the City to adopt a two-year plan to restore the tree canopy within the islands on the entirety of Mack Ave and Vernier Road within the City limits. We recommend that the DPW report to Council annually over that period on their progress on this initiative. The motion was seconded by Galbo and passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Lechner moved to immediately certify this initiative. The motion was seconded by Madigan and passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

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

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Madigan, was unanimous.

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