

## **Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting June 7, 2023.**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:31 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews  
Maria Galbo  
Laura Gaskin  
Gary Lechner  
Paul Lechner  
Tim Madigan  
Mary Ellen Meyering  
Randy Rennpage

The following members were excused:

Tim Butler

The following members were absent:

Ted Colborn  
Peter Groschner

The following were also in attendance:

Michael Koester, City Council Representative

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Galbo to approve the agenda for the meeting June 7, 2023

passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 3

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Andrews to approve the minutes for the meeting May 3, 2023

passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 3

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Randy Rennpage reported that our balance is (\$66.84). Randy will look into how we need to go about adjusting our budget for next year and request a larger budget in the new year for the following fiscal year.

### **Old Business:**

The Tree City USA application was received. The flag will be presented to the City when it is received. The poster winners were honored at the June 5 City Council meeting. All five winners

were present as well as the Grosse Pointe Times. All were very pleased to be honored and proud of their new shirts!

The Memorial Tree subcommittee reported on their discussion of needs regarding the Memorial trees. 66 Memorial trees in front of City Hall need replacing due to disease. A motion was made by Madigan and seconded by Rennpage to raise the fee for a Memorial tree to \$500. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 3

**New Business:**

Lawrence Sobson of the DNR pointed out that the number one issue with tree health in the City is the girdling of roots due to poor planting. He stated that the City and its contractors should use the USDA planting guide to avoid mistakes such as improper mulching. He would like to see this as an ordinance, or at least adopted as policy for planting by contractors for the City.

There was a motion to suspend meeting in July and August made by Gaskin, and seconded by Rennpage. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 3

As Council Representative Michael Koester provided an update of current city business.

Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. moved by Andrews, and seconded by Madigan, was unanimous.

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