

## Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting February 5, 2025.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lechner at 7:04 p.m.

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews  
Kate Colborn  
Laura Gaskin  
Maria Galbo  
Paul Lechner  
Tim Madigan  
Mary Ellen Meyering  
Christina Pitts  
Randy Rennpage  
Steve Skorupski

The following members were excused:

Gary Lechner

The following members were absent: None

The following were also in attendance:

Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Randy Rennpage, seconded by Maria Galbo to approve the agenda for the meeting February 5, 2025 passed by the following vote.

Yes: 10 No: 0 Excused: 1

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Colborn to approve the minutes for the meeting December 4, 2024 passed by the following vote.

Yes: 10 No: 0 Excused: 1

Treasurer's Report:

Rennpage reported that there were no changes to the Tree Commission balance and a small change to the Memorial Tree balance.

Old Business:

- A. There was a good discussion of the upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting on February 24 that most of our members plan to attend. We will have several members

Speak as to our concerns, mainly that tree canopy in GPW is not being addressed as we feel it should be, and the question of what does the City see as our mission – what can we do for the City?

New Business:

- A. We are unsure as to whether the Tree City USA application has been filed.
- B. No action.
- C. Christina Pitts talked to Jim Kowalski about her tree planting issues. The tree was replaced and planted properly and she was assured that future trees would be planted correctly.
- D. Arbor Day activity discussions were table until next month.
- E. No action.
- F. We need a volunteer to interface with the DPW regarding the Memorial Trees donated and also with the donor families regarding the event logistics. We also need people designated to handle the room reservation and refreshments.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:53 PM moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Galbo, was unanimous.

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