

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting April 3, 2024.

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

The following members were present:

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

The following members were excused:

Gary Lechner

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:

Kate Colborn, Steven Skorupski, Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Rennpage, seconded by Butler to approve the agenda for the meeting April 3, 2024 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 1

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Galbo to approve the minutes for the meeting March 6, 2024, passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 1

Treasurer's Report:

Randy Rennpage reported that there was no change in the balance since our last meeting.

Old Business:

The Memorial Tree Ceremony has been rescheduled to May 1, 2024 at 7:30 in the Community Room. Responsibilities are as follows: Heidi Korte will print the certificates and the programs. She is waiting to hear from us as far as the memorial dedication names and tree locations. Butler will confirm this information with the DPW and get it to Heidi. Madigan will pick up the printed items prior to the ceremony date. Galbo and Madigan will acquire the cookies and water for refreshments. Gaskin will act as the emcee. P. Lechner will contact both the Grosse Pointe News and the C and G newspaper, as well as the City Council members. City Hall will formally invite the families of the memorialized people once we request that they do so. Maggie is the DPW contact for the dedication information.

For Arbor Day the Commissioners will individually contact the schools regarding their presentations and the poster contest. Responsibilities are: Rennpage and Galbo, Star of the Sea; Andrews and Madigan, Mason; Gaskin and Skorupski, Montieth and Liggett; Butler, Ferry. The

poster contest ends on April 19. Colborn will handle the updating of the plaques. Galbo and Meyering will prep the tree bagging meeting at 4:00 on Thursday April 18 and all Commissioners who are able will arrive for the project at 4:30.

The delayed 2023 fall tree planting has taken place.

The Mack Avenue subcommittee met and reported that 30 trees have been removed on Mack Avenue over the past couple of years and need to be replaced. The plan is to find the money to do so and we will apply for the DNR grant again in the fall to request assistance. Meanwhile we are attempting to contact people in the Wayne County Government for assistance.

A survey of the community has been approved and will be sent to citizens in the GPW Happenings email. Hard copies will also be available at City Hall to encourage additional response. Basil Zavinski and Lawrence Sobson put together a proposal for the City Hall Groves. The plan has two White Oaks circled by memorial plaques and pavers, and Linden trees surrounding them.

Andrews moved that we request that council adopt the City Hall replacement project as shown in the attached proposal. Madigan seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:
Yes: 8 No: 0 Absent: 1

New Business:

Next years budget will be requested as previously discussed.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. moved by Andrews, and seconded by Rennpage, was unanimous.

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