

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting October 2, 2024.

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

The following members were present:

Dave Andrews
Kate Colborn
Laura Gaskin
Gary Lechner
Paul Lechner
Tim Madigan
Mary Ellen Meyering
Randy Rennpage
Steve Skorupski

The following members were excused:

Maria Galbo
Christina Pitts

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:

Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Rennpage to approve the agenda for the meeting October 2, 2024 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Gaskin to approve the minutes for the meeting September 4, 2024, passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Treasurer's Report:

Randy Rennpage reported that the only change has been \$75 spent on memorial markers since the last meeting.

Old Business:

Andrews reported that the request for a \$20,000 Michigan DNR Community Forestry Grant was submitted on time. The DPW is applying for a different grant as well as the next Tree City USA designation.

New Business:

Andrews reported that 42 trees were planted on Roslyn as part of the road construction program. Twenty-nine trees are available for the Fall Tree Planting program.

Seedlings for the Arbor Day program will be ordered from Van's Pines again this year. They have Eastern White Pine, Red Spruce and Norway Spruce available.

A motion was made by Madigan, seconded by Andrews that we order Red Spruce seedlings. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Madigan, seconded by Andrews that we look at other vendors for next year as Van's Pines had a limited selection of species available. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Gaskin suggested that the City have a tree giveaway in conjunction with the City's 75th anniversary. P Lechner mentioned a program called Project Coronado that gives away trees. G Lechner will contact the Arbor Day Foundation to gather information on their sponsorship of such programs. Madigan will investigate a program in the Farms, headed by Suzy Berschback that distributes trees.

Council Member Koester stated that our request to council for funding of tree canopy restoration will come up in the next budget cycle. He stated that our request would be better received if members attend Council meetings and speak to the importance of the venture during the Public Comment time.

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

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Madigan, was unanimous.

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