

Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting June 5, 2024.

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

The following members were present:

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

The following members were excused:

Tim Butler
Tim Madigan

The following members were absent:

The following were also in attendance:

Christina Pitts, Basil Zavinski, Lawrence Sobson, Michael Koester, Council Representative

Motion by Gaskin, seconded by Andrews to approve the agenda for the meeting June 5, 2024 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Rennpage, seconded by Galbo to approve the minutes for the meeting May 1, 2024, passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Treasurer's Report:

Randy Rennpage reported that there was no change in the balance since our last meeting. The Commission budget has been set for \$4000 for the next fiscal year. Budget needs for the remainder of the 2023-2024 fiscal year will be addressed in the New Business agenda.

Old Business:

The Memorial Tree Ceremony was held May 1, 2024 at 7:30 in the Community Room. There were about 75 attendees and the program was well received. The Mayor and three City Council members were in attendance. A reporter was present, but no photographer. There was no one responsible for proofreading the program and certificates. The responsibility to produce the letters to the memorial families as well as the letters inviting the Poster Contest winners to the City Council meeting is with the City. Someone from the Commission needs to be accessed to proofread these items before the final printing going forward.

G. Lechner suggested that we create project plans for the Memorial Tree Dedication and the Arbor Day activities to assure that all activities are conducted in a timely manner.

The Arbor Day activities went well. Lawrence Sobson will provide a list of additional nurseries from which we could purchase trees going forward. The poster contest went well and all winners were able to attend the June 3rd Council meeting to be formally recognized.

New Business:

Commissioner Butler has resigned due to other commitments and spending more time away from the City. We thank him for his years of service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Christina Pitts has applied to join the Commission. She attended the meeting and answered our questions. Andrews moved that we recommend Christina to the Mayor for appointment to our open seat. Galbo seconded the motion and it was approved by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Gaskin, seconded by Rennpage to immediately certify the above recommendation passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Following some discussion several more motions were made:

Motion by Rennpage, seconded by Andrews to request funds in the amount of \$600 to cover the cost of Tree Commission related activities for the rest of the fiscal year 2024 expenses to be allocated from account #213-803-880-330 from the previous year's reserve funds passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Gaskin to move the City Council recognition of Poster Contest winners to the first Monday in May passed by the following vote:

Yes: 9 No: 0 Absent: 2

Motion by Gaskin, seconded by Andrews to cancel the scheduled Commission meetings in July and August, 2024 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 8:30 p.m. moved by Gaskin, and seconded by Rennpage, was unanimous.

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