

## **Minutes of the Grosse Pointe Woods Tree Commission Meeting May 3, 2023.**

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

The following members were present:

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

The following members were excused:

The following members were absent:  
Peter Groschner

The following were also in attendance:  
Kenn Gafa, City Council

Motion by Andrews, seconded by Rennpage to approve the agenda for the meeting May 3, 2023 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 No: 0 Absent: 1

Motion by Galbo, seconded by Butler to approve the minutes for the meeting April 5, 2023 passed by the following vote:

Yes: 10 No: 0 Absent: 1

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

Randy Rennpage reported no change in the Treasurer's report.

### **Old Business:**

The Memorial Tree Ceremony went well. Our speakers, Laura Gaskin and Peter Groschner did an excellent job, refreshments were great and the City was very helpful with the programs and certificates. We will improve the evening in upcoming years by moving to the Community Center and improving the check in process for honorees.

The tree bagging afternoon went well. Everyone put in a good effort and we accomplished our tasks efficiently.

The poster contest went well. The cardstock poster blanks were well received and the students were very creative as usual. Everyone was very happy to have the shirts for the winners at the time of the presentation! We will try to assign no more than one school to a given Commission member in future years.

The Tree City USA flag and resolution have been received. It will be presented to the City and the poster winners will be honored at the June 5 City Council meeting.

**New Business:**

Dave Andrews met with Lawrence Sobson of the DNR, and looked at the tree situation on Mack Ave. Many trees are needed and some need to be removed. We will talk to Tim Killeen's office to assist in any way we can, with the process of getting grant money for Wayne County to fund those needed trees. GPW is responsible for the removal of dead or diseased trees.

There was much discussion of the maintenance of Memorial trees and markers as well as the use of new or existing trees as future Memorial trees. A sub-committee was formed to look into what the policies are and what they should be as far as maintaining, replacing and selecting Memorial trees. The committee consists of Andrews, Madigan and Rennpage. They will meet and report at the June meeting.

As Council Representative Michael Koester was absent, Council member Gafa provided an update of current city business.

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. moved by Andrews, and seconded by Madigan, was unanimous.

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