

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:35 a.m.

Present were:       Brett Marshall, Chairperson  
                          Rob Squiers, GPSIF Representative  
                          Brett Smith, DPW Director  
                          Harold Michaux, DPW Supervisor  
                          Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chairperson  
                          Vicky Boyce, Committee Member  
                          Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison

Absent:               None

Reports related to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2018 MEETING

The minutes of the January 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mr. Squiers and supported by Mrs. Bai.

#### REVIEW OF 2018 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Smith stated that this Fall Zone 4 was completed from Webber Place South through Woodland Shore Dr. Dittman Tree Service performed a heavy tree trimming in Zone 4 and many compliments were received from residents. Bai commented that on Fairford Rd. there was heavy tree trimming resulting in a much needed elevation of the trees. In the Fall of 2018 Zone 1 is scheduled for trimming from Moorland North to the Village limits including Lake Shore Rd.

#### TREE CITY USA STATUS

Mr. Marshall reported that we received the award for this year's Tree City status and the new sticker will be installed by Mr. Michaux. A congratulatory letter was received from the Arbor Day Foundation which stated that we were one of 3,400 cities in the USA to receive Tree City status.

#### 2018 ARBOR DAY – Sunday, May 6, 2018

Bai reported that it is the City's 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of attaining Tree City status. A major celebration is scheduled with a tree planting at Osius park, the 2018 Arbor Day Fun Run t-shirt reflecting the 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, Arbor Day history presentation, a children's poster contest, face painting, and a 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary cake.

## GPSIF UPDATE

Squiers reported that 24 replacement trees were planted throughout the Village last Fall. Several new varieties included the River Birch that were planted in an effort to promote diversity. In addition, the DTE energy grant of \$2,500 was applied towards the cost of these trees. The Village will apply for the grant again next year if it is available through the state.

Marshall displayed the new memorial plaque for Kurt Tech which will be installed after his memorial tree is planted on Arbor Day at Osius park. He also reported that Nena Dahling has offered to make a donation for replacement trees that will be needed because of planned construction at the park.

## OLD BUSINESS

Brett Marshall reported he had reviewed the City's three page Vegetation Ordinance which included rules including nuisance trees. His review of the ordinance came about due to the issue of the removal of trees on the Stackpoole estate. Squiers stated that the City Attorney would most likely review the entire ordinance. Boyce commented that the Planning Commission may have additional regulations and that they should be contacted also. Marshall stated that tree maintenance should be included in any new drafted ordinance. Council Liaison Kucyk added that Brett Marshall should discuss everything with the a City Manager before proceeding with the new ordinance. Smith stated that shrubs should also be included in the new ordinance because of the problem of them overhanging sidewalks.

NEW BUSINESS - None

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 10, 2018.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 a.m.

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Tree Board Secretary