

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008  
12:05 P.M.

Present: Chase, Hall, LaWarre and Reagan.

Absent: Shores.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Jim Hodges, Dan DesJarden and Greg Pierce.

Hall moved, LaWarre supported to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. DISCUSSION OF SPRING DISTRIBUTION OF TREE PLANTING. Consideration for added funding from the Lowell Area Community Fund was discussed. Since \$20,000 is still available from the original grant, it was determined not to pursue additional funding at this time.

DesJarden's planting schedule for Spring, 2009 was reviewed. A total of 100 trees (\$250 each) would be planted (\$25,000). Also, ten trees are to be removed for the City and Oakwood Cemetery (\$1,500 each, \$15,000).

The Boardmembers discussed responsibility for Kent County Road Commission and Michigan Department of Transportation rights of way. Also, is there a need for a paid arborist.

The Board noted that the word must go out and concentrate on fall plantings.

Item #2. TREE PRESERVATION. The trees planted this year have been watered and in good conditions.

The library trees in the parking lot are in difficult shape. A total of \$1,000 has been proposed for tree maintenance.

Heritage trees were discussed. It was questioned how other communities handle these and what incentives could be given. This will be continued to be discussed.

Item #3. ORDINANCE ISSUES. The tree ordinance has been completed by the City Attorney and distributed for review to the Board.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS. The plaque for the Arbor Day tree has yet to be delivered.

Possible Christmas tree recycling program was briefly mentioned.

Being aware of "I-tree" software was discussed.

The announcement of the Biggest Tree Contest will be given on October 11. There are \$160 in prizes so far.

The Arbor Board membership terms are three years and eligible for reappointment.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008, at 12 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Dana Chase, Chair

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David M. Pasquale, Secretary