

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2012
12 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

Present: Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie, Diane LaWarre and Jim Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Liz Baker, Mark Howe, Greg Pierce and Susan Ullery.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and supported by LAPONSIE to approve the agenda as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by LAWARRE to approve the regular minutes of the November 12, 2012 meeting as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by LAWARRE to approve the financial reports as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.** Chamber of Commerce Director Liz Baker presented pictures of the Christmas Tree near the Riverwalk. It is overgrown and has holes in it. It appears to be dying on the inside. Mark Anderson from Terra Verde provided an estimate of \$1,650 for a new 20 foot tree. Ellison noted \$425 was spent last year trying to maintain and improve the tree.

Baker suggested a grant be written to provide the cost for the replacement. Lawarre suggested research be done regarding the most appropriate kind of tree to plant.

By general consensus, the Arbor Board supported the idea of a grant request to replace the Christmas Tree near the Riverwalk.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Biggest Tree Contest – Reagan indicated plaques will be made for the first, second and third place winners.
- b. Library Tree – Howe stated his concern regarding the entire east side of the tree. However, he was unsure of what condition the core of the tree was in. Howe believed long term consideration needed to be given when a replacement tree is planted. More shade needs to be provided for the summer concert series. Reagan suggested some type of tent.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

- Reagan noted the vacancy on the Arbor Board
- Howe stated a final draft of the “2013 – 2014 Comprehensive Tree Plan” will be presented in March, 2013.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE to adjourn at 12:36 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair