

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2016

12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

Present: Diane LaWarre, Melissa Spino, Jim Hodges and Chair Reagan.

Absent: Tamela Spicer

Also Present: Sue Ullery, Steve Donkersloot and Ron Woods

2. **EXCUSE OF ABSENCES**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SPINO to excuse the absence of Tamela Spicer.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by HODGES to approve the agenda as presented.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY HODGES and seconded by SPINO to approve the regular minutes of the February 8, 2016 meeting as written.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

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

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. 825/829 Lafayette – Tree Removal – tabled. Spino questioned if the Arbor Board would be held responsible if they vote to not remove the tree but it falls down. Hodges stated no but the City may be held responsible.

Woods stated the tree is within the public right of way.

- b. Comprehensive Tree Plan – 2016-2017 Recommendation to City Council. Spino questioned if there was enough room at Pebble Beach Apartments to plant trees. Woods stated he would measure for the possibility of planting nine trees.

There was discussion regarding planting trees within the right of way. Hodges stated it is important to not block businesses with these trees. Reagan noted it is nice to also have the buffer that trees can provide.

Woods noted 10 evergreen trees will be removed because of the S. Monroe parking lot.

It was also noted the Wells on Lafayette would like a red maple planted in their yard due to the large tree that was taken down in the city right of way near their property.

- c. Consider Business Selection for Arbor Day Tree. The Health & Food Store at 835 W. Main was selected to be the recipient of the Arbor Day Tree. The event will be celebrated on April 29, 2016 at noon.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.** No new business.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

It was noted the board received \$5,000 from the LCTV Endowment Fund. Hodges suggested purchasing seedlings if there are extra funds. These could be available for residents to pick up during the Harvest Fest.

Woods noted construction on the S. Monroe parking lot may begin the second week of April.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPINO to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary