

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

12 NOON

Present: Chase, Ellison, Hall and Reagan.

Absent: LaWarre.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Betty Morlock, Dan DesJarden and Meggan Johnson.

Reagan moved, Hall supported to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION APRIL 24–25. The Boardmembers discussed participation in the Conservation Expo at the Wittenbach Center. Work during the expo would be carried out in shifts. T-shirts are to be ordered with having a drawing.

The question of tree planting location for the Arbor Day event was raised. It had been decided not to plant on Hudson, near the Lowell Area Historical Museum but rather by Main and Broadway. Chase will write an article regarding Arbor Day and the Ledger is to be contacted. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Item #2. SPRING PLANTINGS. Betty Morlock, on behalf of Lowell Rotary, wishes to remove an ash tree at Richards Park to provide enough room for a playground. Pines would be planted by late summer. By consensus, the Board approved this.

A total of nine to ten trees will be planted this spring. The City will provide drip bags and care sheets.

The tree in the Avery-Monroe parking lot will be removed and a new planting will be placed, a Maple.

Item #3. WITTENBACH CENTER/LHS ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB. Meggan Johnson, on behalf of the Wittenbach Center, stated that the LHS Environmental Club will plant seedlings one day per week throughout the summer to fall.

A cost, quote is to be received for this program. The Kent County Conservation District does provide seedlings.

A location for the planting would be by the Recreation Park ballfield.

Item #4. TECHNICAL ISSUES. The improved tree ordinance has been approved by Council. There is no word from Light and Power training on Jon Francis as an arborist. DesJarden mentioned this training pertains to how to trim branches away from power lines.

Grant applications for fall planting will be pursued through the LCTV and Look Funds.

Item #5. SURROUNDING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. Chase noted the City of Big Rapids having their Spring tree sales program. Any City property owner can purchase a tree for \$25 each and the tree(s) will be planted along the city right of way on there property.

Item #6 OTHER BUSINESS. The Biggest Tree Plaque will be available by Arbor Day.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2009 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

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Dana Chase, Chair

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David M. Pasquale, Secretary