

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

12:07 P.M.

Present: Chase, Ellison, LaWarre and Reagan (arrived at 12:08 p.m.).

Absent: Hall.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Meggan Johnson, Dan DesJarden and Greg Pierce.

Ellison moved, LaWarre supported to approve the minutes of the March 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, Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reagan will get the supplies. There is interest in Arbor Board forms.
- Plaques for the Biggest Tree Contest are ready at Digital Image. These should be distributed at the Expo.
- The Board discussed participation in Global ReLeaf's Biggest Tree Contest.

Item #2. SPRING PLANTINGS. The City is currently waiting for available funds to plant more trees, for maples 2½ - 3" in diameter. For Arbor Day, the Monroe – Avery parking lot tree will be planted in place of one previously taken down. Students from Unity High School and the Environmental Club will be at the tree planting ceremony on Friday, April 24 at 12 noon. Reagan will write an article before Arbor Day.

Trees by Burch Field and Recreation Park will be planted at a cost of \$864.

Meggan Johnson's High School Environmental Club will plant 200 tree seedlings at Recreation Park in mid-May. The seedlings are purchased from the Kent County Conservation District at \$70.

A question arose whether the City should purchase trees from Global ReLeaf. It was determined to acquire these from the Kent County Conservation District.

Item #3. FUNDS FOR FALL PLANTINGS. Applications to the Look Memorial and LCTV Endowment Funds will be placed for tree plantings. Michigan Green is a possibility.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS. Reagan moved, Chase supported to allocate \$606 to Bartlett Tree Service for maintenance of the large library tree. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2009 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary