

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009
12 NOON

Present: Chase, Hall and Reagan.
Absent: Ellison and LaWarre.
Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Dan DesJarden and Greg Pierce.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting as submitted.

Motion carried.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to excuse the absences of Ellison and LaWarre. Motion carried.

Item #1. **SUMMER TREE MAINTENANCE.**

The Board discussed the dead trees by the Grand River. This has been caused by flooding and icing. Regarding downtown trees, two need replacement. The library tree has already had its maintenance work. DPW Director Dan DesJarden will check about a DEQ permit for river tree removal utilizing equipment.

The question of needing funds to be set aside for maintenance purposes was raised. This is part of the parks budget. No funds are needed at this time.

The Christmas tree trimming was briefly discussed. An arborist needs to be consulted. This should be carried out in coordination with the bridge work.

The need for a drip bag on a recently planted tree at 322 North Washington was reviewed. DesJarden will look into this.

Item #2. **FALL PLANTINGS.** Approximately \$16,000 is available for plantings. Thirty trees can be planted. Bids with locations will be sent out. Areas to be considered are Bowes and Blue Ribbon Feed. Light and Power is to provide trimming at Root Lowell and North Center.

Item #3. **OTHER BUSINESS.** All three plaques for the previous Biggest Tree Contest have been distributed. This year's contest should be advertised.

The Richards Park playground tree was briefly discussed.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2009 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary