

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

12:10 P.M.

Present: Chase, Ellison, Hall and Reagan.

Absent: LaWarre.

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

Reagan moved, Ellison supported to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to excuse the absence of Diane LaWarre. Motion carried.

Item #1. BUDGETARY CONCERNS. The current available funds were reviewed. It was noted that the Tree Fund balance was \$16,426.83.

Sources for future funding were discussed including the Lowell Area Community Fund (\$2000 for street right of way tree replacements), LCTV Endowment Fund (applications for February) and Look Memorial Fund. West Main tree planning requires a MDOT permit.

Item #2. FALL AND SPRING MAINTENANCE/PLANTINGS. DesJarden reported that 22 spring planted trees all survived. Eight more are planned for the Fall. One tree on the Fairgrounds near the boat launch has lost leaves.

The Board requested DesJarden to order ten drip bags for newly planted trees. Ash trees should be removed by the Foreman Building with new plantings. DesJarden will talk to Ron Wenger regarding the possible removal of ash trees and replantings.

The Jim Hall list of planting locations should be reviewed. Main and Pleasant needs to be considered. Staggered planting at the skateboard park (Stoney Lakeside Park) should be completed. The cedars at the cemetery need to be taken down at no cost to the Fund.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS. The following issues were discussed.

- Not sure of Tree Contest results.
- Digital Design will handle any changes to Arbor Day tree plaques.
- Diane LaWarre will work with the Lowell Area Arts Council to provide posters regarding the Tree City program and have a contest for design.
- Pierce said there are no planned tree removals for the upcoming season, just trimming.
- The Arbor Board's presence on the Lowell web site will be worked along with an overall upgrade.
- Ellison will call Meggan Johnson of the Wittenbach Center regarding status of Christmas tree recycling.

- Hall mentioned removal of dead trees by the boat launch at Recreation Park.
- The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2010 at 12 noon. The focus of the meeting will be progress on Fall plantings and drafting biggest tree contest announcement.

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

Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary