

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011

12:05 P.M.

Present: Chase, Ellison, Hall, LaWarre and Reagan (arrived at 12:14 p.m.).

Absent: none.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale and Dan DesJarden.

Ellison moved, Hall supported to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. SPRING PLANTINGS/MAINTENANCE.

- There were 36 plantings in the Fall. Jim Pfaller donated 13. Plantings by the high bank near the dog park were considered a nice job.
- Currently, there is a \$7900 balance in the Tree Fund. This equates to approximately 30 trees.
- A total of \$700 is needed for the library tree maintenance. Also, \$1100 would be required for maintenance and annual charges.
- Locations for plantings were discussed. Trees along with MDOT roads have been considered a priority. A grant to the Lowell Area Community Fund should be written for \$25,000 for Main Street and general plantings. A LCTV Endowment grant of \$15,000 is to be utilized for cemetery tree removals and replanting of spruces and maples.

Item #2. ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE. Diane LaWarre's suggestions for the print contest. The wording on the contest was revised as follows:

- CONTEST
 - FIRST ANNUAL ARBOR BOARD PRINT OF THE YEAR – 2011
 - PARTICIPANTS: LOWELL AREA RESIDENTS
 - ACCEPTED: PAINTINGS OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOCATIONS ENHANCED BY TREES IN THE CITY OF LOWELL
 - PRIZE: \$50.00 SHOP LOWELL CERTIFICATE
 - SUBMIT ENTRY TO THE CITY HALL, INCLUDE NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, LOCATION OF ENTRY
 - DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES – MARCH 30, 2011

Information on the contest would go out on an E-Blast through the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Lowell Area Arts Council and the City Arts teachers at Lowell Area Schools will have entry forms. An ad in February is to be provided in the Buyers Guide (3" x 5") run twice.

There will be another Biggest Tree Contest again.

Item #3. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Ellison said there were ten volunteers involved with the Christmas tree recycling at the Wittenbach Wege Center on Sunday, January 9 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Approximately 50 trees were recycled.
- On behalf of the Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, Liz Baker has requested a replacement for the town Christmas tree. The current tree is too big and out of proportion.

The Boardmembers stated the new tree should be on the south side of Main Street immediately west of the Kent Milling Parking Lot. Reagan said he would ask King Milling to move the old mill equipment to make room for the tree.

- Plaques for the 2010 Arbor Day and Biggest Tree winners will be secured before 2011 Arbor Day.
- Reagan moved, Hall supported to re-elect Dana Chase as Board Chair.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011 at 12 noon. The items for consideration are:
 - Spring planting, MDOT response
 - Contest update
 - Grant submission

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary