

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011

12:00 P.M.

Present: Chase, Ellison, Hall, LaWarre and Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mark Howe, Dan DesJarden and Greg Pierce.

Jim Reagan volunteered to be Secretary.

Ellison moved, Hall supported to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting as submitted.

Item #1. CEMETERY PROJECT. The Board discussed the Cemetery project. Ellison did not like the appearance of the trimmed cedar trees along Washington. Reagan said it look real good and suggested to leave the trees as is.

Hall moved, Ellison supported to proceed with the Cemetery project and remove cedar trees along Washington Street.

Reagan approved of the trimming and stated it looks great.

YEA: 3. (Ellison, Hall and LaWarre) NAY: 2. (Chase and Reagan)
Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Item #2. GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDINGS. Lowell Area Community Fund Grant was approved for \$12,500 for trees along Main Street, parking lot by the Shell Station and the Skateboard Park.

M-21 projects still needs approval from the Kent County Road Commission. Chuck Cole will be contacted.

Item #3. FALL PLANTINGS AND MAINTENANCE.

- Total of eleven (11) trees have been removed and twelve (12) more trees need to be removed from City right-of-way due to Ash problem.

Requesting Arbor Board to fund the replacement of trees at a cost of \$5,750.

LaWarre moved, Reagan supported to approve up the \$4,000 to remove and replace trees. Motion carried.

- Creekside Park has twenty-two (22) trees and Recreation Park has seven (7) trees that need to be removed.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Discussion to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Lowell Area Community Fund for tree plantings, removals and maintenance. City Manager Mark Howe suggested a proposal be submitted during the next grant cycle.
- Discussion of the Arbor Board to have a vision and incentive for residents and businesses to replace trees by providing the trees.
- The Arbor Day Photo sales totaled \$25 at the Riverwalk Festival. LaWarre volunteered to put together an ad.

The next meeting is schedule for Monday, October 10,2011 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at