

**ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL**

**MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012**

**12 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL**

The Meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairperson Dana Chase and the roll was called.

Present: Sharon Ellison (arrived at 12:10 p.m.), Maryalene LaPonsie, Diane LaWarre and Dana Chase.

Absent: Jim Reagan.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by CHASE to approve the agenda as amended under Old Business add item b. MDOT and under New Business add item c Spring Plantings.

YEA: 3. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 2. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by ELLISON to approve the regular minutes of the December 12, 2011 meeting as corrected.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS**

City Manager Howe reported a grant was written to the Lowell Area Community Fund and \$15,000 was approved.

It was discussed to write a grant to the LCTV Endowment Fund for the remaining \$15,000.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** None.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Comprehensive Tree Plan.**

A draft of the Comprehensive Tree Plan was presented. Some minor modifications were suggested.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by ELLISON to recommend that the Lowell City Council adopt the Official Comprehensive Tree Plan 2012-13 as modified.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **MDOT**. The Board discussed working with MDOT on planting of trees on M-21.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Approve 2012 Meeting Dates.**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by LAPONSIE to approve the 2012 meeting dates as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **Arbor Day Activities.** The Board noted that a tree has been planted every year as part of the Arbor Day activities and is scheduled for the last Friday in April of each year.

- c. **Spring Planting.**

DPW Director Dan DesJarden presented a proposal for spring tree planting.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by ELLISON to approve \$5,500 for the 2012 Tree Replacement schedule as presented.

YEA: 4. NAY; 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.** No comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE to adjourn at 12:55 p.m.

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Dana Chase, Chair

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James E. Reagan, Secretary