

**ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2012**  
**12 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

Present: Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie, Diane LaWarre and Jim Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dan DesJarden, Greg Pierce and Susan Ullery

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and supported by ELLISON to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by ELLISON to approve the regular minutes of the October 8, 2012 meeting as presented.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted. LaPonsie questioned if additional grant funds would be received. DesJarden responded no. However, Mark Howe received approval to use the remaining funds from last year, totaling \$20,000. DesJarden noted \$5,000 was used to plant trees along Bowes Road.

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** Reagan received comments of concern regarding the trees planted along Bowes Road being too tall. DesJarden confirmed the trees will not grow into the wires.

DesJarden wanted to discuss spring plantings. LaPonsie suggested plantings to the east and west. She questioned North Center Street and park play areas and suggested these be moved to the top of the list. LaPonsie also questioned the replacement of downtown trees. DesJarden noted a few need to be replaced. Some may be replaced with flower boxes. Originally the DDA suggested the downtown trees be replaced every three years. LaPonsie requested DesJarden contact the DDA to inquire if this is still in the plan. Reagan recommended a report be sent to the DDA for a recommendation.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Replacement of Christmas Tree – Reagan did not believe the tree needed to be replaced.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by REAGAN to deny the request to replace the Christmas tree along Main Street.

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

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

- Ellison noted the vacancy on the Arbor Board
- Reagan questioned if all the winners in the Biggest Tree Contest received plaques. He noted Duke Thomet did not receive his. DesJarden stated he would inquire with Digital Image.
- Reagan noted the following “Biggest Tree Contest Winners”:

2009 Biggest Tree Contest

1. 179 ¾” Oak at 725 Bowes
2. 158” Oak at 421 N. Washington
3. 154” Oak at 964 Riverside

2010 Biggest Tree Contest

1. 168 “ Elm at 412 N. Division
2. Oak at 1014 N. Hudson
3. Maple at 310 Lincoln Lake

2011 Biggest Tree Contest

1. 169.3” Maple at 701 Amity
2. 160” Walnut at 806 Lafayette
3. 147.5 Oak at N. Washington (Oakwood Cemetery)

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE to adjourn at 12:39 p.m.

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James E. Reagan, Chair