

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013
12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

Present: Sharon Ellison, Maryalene LaPonsie, Dianne Lawarre, and Chair Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dan DesJarden, Sue Ullery and Melissa Spino.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY ELLISON and seconded by LAPONSIE to approve the regular minutes of the August 12, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE and seconded by LAWARRE to approve the financial reports as presented.

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

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** Melissa Spino of 131 S. Center introduced herself as being interested in serving on the Arbor Board. She is a lifelong gardener. Jim Reagan explained the Arbor Board was started due to aggressive tree trimming throughout the City. Many of the funds have come from Lowell Cable TV Fund and the community. Policies have been put in place for homeowners who have had a tree removed from their front yard right of way. A tree is provided to replace the right of way tree and can be planted anywhere in their yard other than back in the right of way.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.** Trees to be replaced include the WTP, in the DDA near the 200 block of Main Street, parks and a tree near Dollar General. LaPonsie noted the Arbor Day tree near Keisers looks like it is turning brown.

Sharon Ellison questioned the tree at the library. Dan DesJarden stated the tree is in very bad shape.

7. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.** Sharon Eillison commented the board is on track with the tree plan and the budget.

Maryalene LaPonsie stated she is still waiting on the closing of her house.

Jim Reagan noted he would place an ad in the Ledger regarding the Biggest Tree contest.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2013.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAPONSIE to adjourn at 12:42 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Sharon Ellison, Secretary