

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013
12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

Present: Sharon Ellison, Dianne LaWarre, Melissa Spino and Chair Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dan DesJarden, Mark Howe, Tom Russo and Sue Ullery.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY ELLISON 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 LAWARRE and seconded by ELLISON to approve the regular minutes of the September 9th, 2013 meeting as presented.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

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

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

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.** Dan DesJarden stated the trees along the Riverwalk Extension have been planted. He requested an additional \$900 from the original \$7,500 grant request to purchase three mature trees.

IT WAS MOVED BY ELLISON and seconded by LAWARRE to grant an additional \$900 for the purchase of three mature trees.

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

DesJarden presented pictures of the tree at the library. Michigan State suggested contacting a certified master arborist for another opinion. However, this opinion could cost approximately \$300. DesJarden received two bids for removal of the tree. The low bid was \$1,500. He noted Bartlett Tree Services provided the original recommendation on the tree approximately four years ago.

Chair Reagan recommended it be taken down without a third opinion.

City Manager Howe recommended a packet be put together providing detailed information on the care and attempt to save the tree. A letter describing such actions should also be distributed to Friends of the Library, Chamber of Commerce and any other necessary organizations explaining why and when the tree will be removed.

DesJarden stated he would provide Reagan with information pertaining to the opinions received and the money spent trying to save the tree. Reagan would prepare and distribute the letters.

It was anticipated removal of the tree would take place in February or March, 2014.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.** Melissa Spino recommended small tree plantings under 30 feet in height and salt resistant. She noted the variety "Smoke Tree" would be appropriate.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.** Sharon Ellison commented on trees at the Boy Scout Cabin. Howe stated the Parks and Recreation Commission have had discussion regarding this property. There is concern with the entrance. Therefore, it may be wise to add trees in this location. Ellison suggested native trees. Spino stated she would provide a list of suggested trees at the next meeting.

Reagan noted he would be in favor of funding such trees.

Ellison noted the old Christmas Tree has been replaced with a new one. LaWarre stated the new tree was donated by River Valley Credit Union.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2013.

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

James E. Reagan, Chair

Sharon Ellison, Secretary