

CITY OF LOWELL
ARBOR BOARD AGENDA
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015 AT 12 NOON

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - a. June 8, 2015 – Regular Meeting
 - b.
4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS
 - a. Will be presented at the meeting
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a.
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. 825/829 Lafayette Street
 - b. Jefferson Street
 - c. 920 N. Hudson
 - d. Grant Requests
 - e. Fall Plantings
 - f.
8. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015

12 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Boardmember Ellison and the roll was called.

Present: Diane LaWarre, Sharon Ellison, Tamela Spicer, Melissa Spino and Chair Reagan
(arrived at 12:15).

Absent: None.

Also Present: Mark Howe, Sue Ullery and Greg Pierce.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED BY SPINO and seconded by SPICER to approve the agenda as presented.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPICER to approve the regular minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting as presented.

YES: 4. NO: 0. ABSENT: 1. MOTION CARRIED.

4. REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Spicer asked if the Arbor Board will be applying for any grants. City Manager Howe stated the board could apply for a grant in August through the Lowell Area Community Fund. Howe also noted an amount of \$4,000 was set aside in the 2015/16 budget year.

IT WAS MOVED BY SPICER and seconded by SPINO to approve the financial reports as presented.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

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

6. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. 726 Lafayette – Tree in Right of Way Discussion. Howe explained the location of the tree within the right of way. Mrs. Connor, along with her daughter Lynn Green as well as Michelle Emis were present. The homes of Connor and Emis are near the tree.

Howe stated an arborist has indicated it is an Oak tree and is healthy. However, limbs continue to fall. Spicer believed the roots of the tree would ruin the sidewalk again if it is repaired. Green stated the tree affects three houses. LaWarre did not like the idea of taking the tree down but felt it was a danger. It was noted the roots have run into the sewer lines many times. Ellison believed the

danger issues were similar to the tree that was taken down at the library. Green stated removal of the tree was suggested many years ago. Reagan did not believe cutting the roots would damage the tree, but this is also a safety issue.

IT WAS MOVED BY SPICER and seconded by SPINO to recommend to the City Council removal of the tree located at 726 Lafayette.

YES: 5. NO: 0. ABSENT: 0. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. Spring Tree Plantings. It was noted the board would look to the Lowell Area Community Fund for grants as well as having \$4000 budgeted in the 2015/16 year budget.

Ullery noted a resident from Pebble Beach Apartments would like some trees planted along Bowes Road near the complex. Also, Builders Fireplace has requested additional trees near their new addition.

7. BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS. None.

IT WAS MOVED BY SPICER and seconded by LAWARRE to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Sharon Ellison, Secretary



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To: Arbor Board

From: Ron Woods, Interim Public Works Director

Subject: Tree Removal

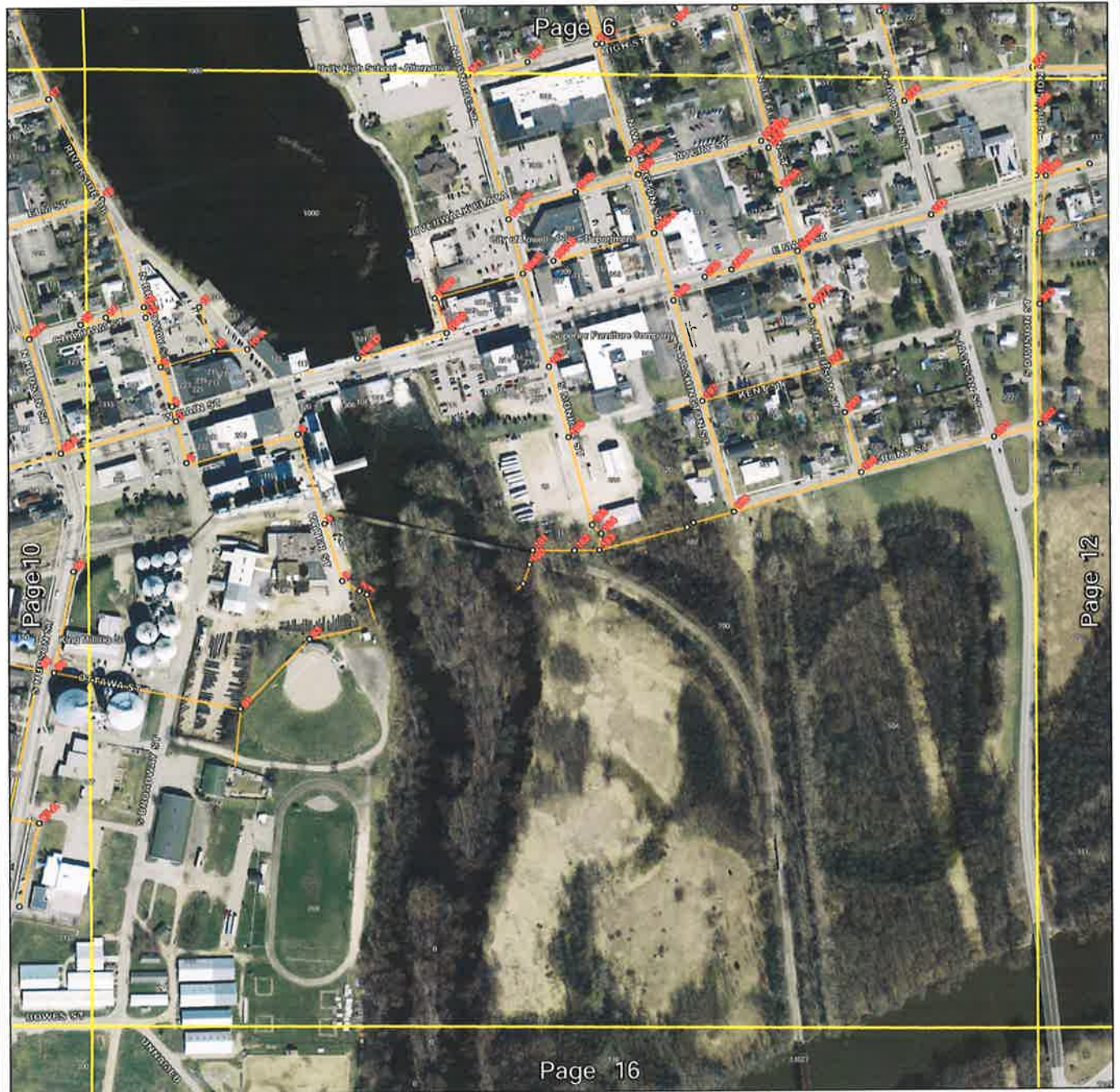
Over the last several weeks I have had several requests for tree removals in the City. The following tree locations are submitted for your consideration for removal:

- 825/829 Lafayette Street – Attached are two pictures of a large oak tree located in the public right-of-way on or near the lot-line in front of the above addresses. As you may note, the tree is leaning over a streetlight located approximately 15 feet away from the base of the tree and the tree branches have all but surrounded and obscured the light. In addition, there are numerous wires passing under and through the tree limbs. Adjacent residents are concerned that when branches, or the tree itself, come down they will take the wires with it causing property damage and electrical outages at their homes. My recommendation is to remove the tree.
- Jefferson Street Extended – Attached are several pictures of the area in question. The first picture is an aerial of the City owned property showing the previously cleared area where the lines run south to serve businesses and residential customers on the South side of the Grand River. The second set of pictures show how the trees have encroached on the previously cleared area and are touching the lines in several locations. Lowell Light and Power has requested permission to restore the cleared area and remove some of the larger limbs and/or trees that would take out the lines should they fall. I recommend approval of the request.
- 920 North Hudson – Attached are two pictures showing the ash tree located in the right-of-way in front of 920 North Hudson Street. The resident has requested that this tree be removed due to the damage caused by the Emerald Ash Bore disease. I recommend removal.

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.







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1 inch = 200 feet



Sanitary System Map
City of Lowell, Michigan

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