

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

1. CALL TO ORDER; ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)
 - a. August 10, 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. Grant Requests
 - b. Fall Plantings
 - c.
8. BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015
12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Reagan and the roll was called.

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

Absent: Tamela Spicer.

Also Present: Mark Howe, Sue Ullery, Greg Pierce, Ron Woods and Jim Hall.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPINO 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 SPINO to approve the regular minutes of the June 8, 2015 meeting as corrected.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

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

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

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.** Councilmember Jim Hall stated several years ago trees were planted at Blue Ribbon Feed near the silos. Post were placed near the trees to keep them upright. He suggested these be removed. Hall also suggested the City plant smaller trees throughout the City.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.** There was further discussion regarding additional trees being planted at Builders Fireplace.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. **825 and 829 Lafayette Street.** Interim DPW Director Ron Woods provided pictures of two large oak trees. There is concern with the tree leaning toward the street light as well as limbs potentially causing problems with the wires.

City Manager Howe wanted to have a more in depth discussion of how requests are handled with removal of trees in the right of way.

Chair Reagan suggested the trees be trimmed. By general consensus, the board agreed.

- b. Jefferson Street. Woods was concerned that many trees are hanging over the wires. There are also many dead trees in this area. Lowell Light and Power General Manager Greg Pierce agreed. Fall or late winter would be a good time to remove these. Pierce suggested both Lowell Light and Power and the Department of Public Works make this a joint project. Pierce suggested the trees that are to be trimmed have a 10 foot radius.
- c. 920 N. Hudson. Woods presented a picture of a tree that appeared to be dead before the secondary growth began. There are also signs of the emerald ash bore. He noted the bark is continuing to fall off and the tree is within the right of way.

Ellison asked if the homeowner would like another tree in place of this one if it were to be taken down. Spino suggested a red bud. Woods stated he would ask the homeowner.

IT WAS MOVED BY SPINO and seconded by LAWARRE to remove the tree located at 920 N. Hudson.

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

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

Howe noted \$4,000 would be transferred from the General Fund for the 2015/16 budget year.

Reagan stated he would complete a grant request application to the Lowell Area Community Fund.

Spino mentioned planting smaller trees near Pebble Beach Apartments.

Suggested site for fall plantings include Builders Fireplace and Stoney Lakeside Park.

Pierce stated Lowell Light and Power is still working with Kate Breadwell on a replacement tree.

IT WAS MOVED BY SPINO and seconded by LAWARRE to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Sharon Ellison, Secretary