

**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: 4. NO: 1. (Chair Reagan) 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.

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James E. Reagan, Chair

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Sharon Ellison, Secretary