

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017
12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Perry Beachum, Diane LaWarre, Mike DeVore, and Chair Reagan.

Absent: Melissa Spino.

Also Present: Susan Ullery and Rich LaBombard.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by BEACHUM to approve the agenda as written.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by DEVORE to approve the regular minutes of the October 9, 2017 meeting as written.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Boardmember Beachum inquired about the City being named "Tree City USA".

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE 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**

No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

Boardmember LaWarre questioned the tree on Jefferson. DPW Director LaBombard has yet to hear from the homeowner. He noted the tree at 618 Riverside Drive will be removed. LaBombard also requested permission to remove the Ginkgo trees at the Shell Gas Station and one near the Flat River Grill. They smell very bad and people are complaining.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and seconded by BEACHUM to remove the Ginkgo trees at the Shell Gas Station and one near the Flat River Grill.

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

LaBombard explained the S. Broadway parking lot will be adding additional trees because the lot is going to be reconfigured. He also requested the removal of one tree.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Potential Compensation Cut – at Stoney Lakeside. With the addition of a new building at Schneider Manor it is necessary for them to provide a compensation cut because the building will be located in the floodplain. DPW Director LaBombard identified two possible locations at Stoney Lakeside Park, however trees will need to be removed. The board discussed possible ideas to improve the park.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEVORE and seconded by BEACHUM to recommend the compensation cut at Stoney Lakeside Park to the City Council.

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

- b. \$2000 Look Grant Award for 8 Trees at Creekside. The Board agreed that LaBombard should pick the variety of trees to be planted.
- c. \$1,500 Stoney Lake Skateboard Park. The Board agreed on shade trees. LaBombard should pick the variety of trees to be planted.
- d. Commemorative Tree for Hodges at Library. The Board agreed to place the tree near the Riverwal/Library area, near the chess table and deck.
- e. Move 3 Trees. Discussion was held regarding the relocation of three trees. One is near King Milling and the other two are location near the community tree.

IT WAS MOVED BY REAGAN and seconded by DEVORE to relocate the trees to a more appropriate location.

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

- f. Avery Street Parking Lot. The board discussed the overgrown arborvitae trees along the north line of the lot. They discussed removal and replacement as well as trimming.
- g. Library Dumpster Screen. The board discussed the overgrown screen encroaching on the mechanical equipment and enclosure of the dumpster. They agreed on the removal of the overgrown shrubs and recommended placement of a fence.

8. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

No comments.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary