

**ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**  
**12 P.M.**

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Perry Beachum, Diane LaWarre, Melissa Spino, and Chair Reagan.

Absent: Mike DeVore.

Also Present: Susan Ullery and Steve Donkersloot.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by SPINO to approve the agenda as revised.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY BEACHUM and seconded by SPINO to approve the regular minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting as corrected.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Beachum requested detailed expenditures be included in the financial report considering there could be several months in between meetings.

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

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

5. **CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA.**

Sue Ullery read a letter into record from Kay Thorne of 1116 Bowes Road #11. She was unhappy with the trees planted in front of Pebble Beach Apartments.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Spring Plantings. No updates.
- b. Discussion Regarding the Asian Longhorn Beetle. Spino mentioned the beetle has not made its way to Michigan yet.
- c. Tree Plantings in Honor of Board Members on Private Property. The board members agreed that tree plantings in honor of a board member should be on public property.
- d. Update on Trees Removed by LL&P in ROW. Donkersloot mentioned two trees near the ROW on Monroe as well as on Bowes Rd. (west) were removed as they were a threat to LL&P's primary wires. Fosburg also mentioned a huge branch fell.
- e. Tree on Riverside. Still looking into getting quotes (in ROW).
- f. N. Avery Parking Lot. It was noted  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the tree is dead. May wait until Spring to see if it comes back. There also is a dead one behind the beer store.
- g. Consumers Energy Project on N. Broadway and Riverside Area. Donkersloot stated Consumers is working with LL&P. Pipelines need to connect to M21 – down Broadway. There will be underground boring and trees will be removed and replaced with new ones. Beachum questioned the dead trees along the river. Fosburg explained if there is a danger, they can be removed but must leave the stump.
- h. S. Broadway Parking Lot. DPW is keeping an eye on one tree.
- i. 288 Elizabeth Dean. There is a large Locus tree in the ROW. It has been trimmed due to touching the roof of home. Beachum noted LL&P policy change. If a tree would disrupt service, then LL&P would trim or remove upon homeowners request at no cost.
- j. Tree Removals – WWTP, 1365 Jane Ellen and Rec Park. Fosburg stated all the trees have died.
- k. Arbor Board/Rules. When the Arbor Board was founded, there was notation that a certified arborist must be available to the board. LL&P employee Steve Shade is in the process of becoming a certified arborist and should be added to the board. This is a non-voting position. Ullery will check to see if he can serve on the board considering he is not a city resident.
- l. Removal of Trees on Bowes Road. Due to numerous flickers of power outages, there will be some trees removed along Bowes Road. Donkersloot explained that even a short power outage can cost businesses such as King Milling and Litehouse approximately four hours of lost time.

Donkersloot also noted that in 2006 LL&P indicated they would contribute \$250.00 for every tree removed.

It was also mentioned that the Doc Addition – Valley Vista – utilities will all be installed underground. The engineering and cost has been approved.

8. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

The board discussed the need for a councilmember to attend these meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

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James E. Reagan, Chair

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Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary