

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021
12 P.M.

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

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

Present: Perry Beachum, Jim Salzwedel, Leah Groves, Mathew Silverman and Chair Reagan
(arrived at 12:05 p.m.)

Absent: None

Also Present: Susan Ullery, Dan Czarnecki and Ryan Teachworth

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by GROVES to approve the agenda as written.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

IT WAS MOVED BY SALZWEDEL and seconded by GROVES to approve the regular minutes of the May 10, 2021 meeting as written.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

By general consensus, board reviewed and approved and the financial reports.

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

No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Arbor Day Tree Planting. Public Works Director Dan Czarnecki stated at the direction of the Arbor Board at a previous meeting, he reached out to Riverview Flats condominiums and asked if they would be interested in receiving a new tree as part of our City's Arbor Day celebration. He did not receive any response from two inquiries.

We are in need of a location to plant a tree for last Arbor Day and we should also start the process to find someplace to plant a new tree for Arbor Day 2022.

Beachum commented on the dead tree at the Alpha Women's Center. Other places such as Betten Baker, Jimmy Johns, Keisers Kitchen Derys Therapy were also mentioned. Groves state she would contact the Alpha Women's Center and Beachum would contact Dery Therapy.

Czarnecki noted the tree planted at Meds Café was purchased for \$500 and planted for \$500.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPINO to approve the Comprehensive Tree Plan as presented.

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

- b. Lowell Light and Power Tree Removal. At the May 10th meeting Ryan Teachworth brought to the Arbor Board's attention several community trees that are in conflict with power lines. LLP would like to cut down these trees as trimming will remove many branches and leave the trees looking in poor shape. LLP is looking to remove the trees and asked Arbor Board to review them in the field and to provide their input at this meeting.

By general consensus, the Board agreed that the trees should be removed. However, a replacement tree should be offered.

- c. Arbor Board Guidelines Tree Removal and Replacement. During the May 10th discussion with LLP and their proposed tree removals, Chair Reagan questioned the City requirements for tree removal of City trees. Hi indicated a need to review the guidelines for the replacement of these trees.

City Ordinances 23-66 through 23-77 addresses the creation and duties of the Arbor Board. Ordinances 23-91 through 23-102 addresses trees on public property.

Czarnecki noted recently the DPW had a dogwood tree purchased and planted. The cost of the tree was approximately \$500 and the installation cost was about \$500. A fee for tree replacement should be set high enough to cover the cost of a decent sized tree (minimum 20inch caliper) and for installation costs.

Czarnecki will provide details at the next Arbor Board meeting prior to presenting to Council.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Monroe St. Infrastructure Improvement Project Tree Removals. The City will look at replacing these trees at the conclusion of a construction project. At that time the planting locations will be determined. If trees are to be replaced along Monroe St. we will look to install them on the house side of the sidewalk due to the narrow area available between the curb and sidewalk, and the proximity of overhead utility cables.

8. **BOARDMEMBER COMMENTS.**

Beachum commented on the dead tree and limbs near the Shell Gas Station, McMahan Park, Creekside Park, Gee Drive (next to pump station and Alden Nash (hanging over road)).

Salzwedel questioned when tree removal would take place on Bowes Road. Teachworth responded within the next few years. Salzwedel requested this be brought back to the next meeting.

Silverman commented on the branches that hang over sidewalks. Czarnecki responded the city trims these are the police with issue a notice if it is on private property.

9. **ADJOURNMENT.**

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

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary