

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2016
12 P.M.

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

The Meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. and the roll was called.

Present: Jim Hodges, Diane LaWarre, Melissa Spino and Chair Reagan (arrived at 12:15).

Absent: Perry Beachum

Also Present: Mike Burns, Sue Ullery, Rich LaBombard and Steve Donkersloot.

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 September 12, 2016 meeting as corrected.

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

4. **REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Melissa Spino mentioned the idea of providing small seedling trees to the community. Mike Burns noted this could be done in coordination with the celebration of Arbor Day.

Jim Hodges suggested spending approximately \$12,000 and leave the remaining amount.

Diane LaWarre stated Curtis Cleaners will be removing some trees due to their new addition. Maybe the Arbor Board could provide some type of replacement trees?

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.**

No comments were received.

6. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- a. Tree Plantings at Pebble Beach Apartments/Stoney Lakeside Park. Rich LaBombard noted five trees will be planted at Pebble Beach Apartments and two will be transplanted.
- b. Tree for Jim Hall. Rich LaBombard stated the tree will be planted near the canoe launch. Jim Reagan suggested some type of maple. Melissa Spino suggested a crimson king.
- c. M21 Project – Placement of Two New Trees. Replacement trees were discussed. Single stem service berries and red buds were suggested. Mike Burns questioned if the trees were salt tolerant. Spino stated she would forward an email.
- d. Tree Removal – City Hall. Diane LaWarre commented on removing four trees and keeping two. Mike Burns suggested spraying the trees to prevent the berries from dropping. If this does not work next year then consider removal.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPINO to spray the trees first to see if this helps keep the berries from falling.

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

- e. Lafayette Tree. The board discussed the tree on Lafayette. It has a heavy lean with a utility pole nearby.

Jim Reagan reminded the board why they were formed. He didn't mind trimming and suggested the slope of the curb and angle of the tree be measured. Jim Hodges believed the life expectancy of the tree did not look promising, but wasn't ready for it to come down. However, we also need to respect the owner. By general consensus, the board agreed to review the tree at its April meeting.

7. **NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Fall Plantings. The board discussed possible fall plantings and decided to purchase three to five trees for the S. Monroe parking lot. Diane LaWarre questioned the idea of planting trees at Creekside Park. Rich LaBombard stated he would put a plan together. The board also agreed to plant three to four trees along the small strip of land the City owns near Walgreens. Further discussion was held regarding Creekside Park and Melissa Spino suggested five evergreens be planted along the north line between Lighthouse and the park. Colorado spruce, black hill and fat boy trees were all considered.
- b. Tree Removal – 200 Block of W. Main. Rich LaBombard presented pictures of the trees to be removed and suggested serviceberry trees. Melissa Spino suggested something smaller and salt tolerant. By general consensus, the board agreed.

8. **BOARDMEMBERS COMMENTS.**

No comments were received.

IT WAS MOVED BY LAWARRE and seconded by SPINO to adjourn at 12:46 p.m.

James E. Reagan, Chair

Susan Ullery, Recording Secretary