

VILLAGE OF GROSSE POINTE SHORES  
TREE BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 9, 2019

The meeting of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores Tree Board was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Brett Marshall at 7:32 a.m.

Present were:       Brett Marshall, Chairperson  
                          Harold Michaux, DPW Supervisor  
                          Rob Squiers GPSIF Representative  
                          Helen Bai, Beautification Comm. Chair  
                          Brett Smith, DPW Director

Absent:               Doug Kucyk, Council Liaison  
                          Vicky Boyce, Committee Member

Reports related to this meeting are either attached or placed on file.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2019 MEETING

The minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted on motion by Mrs. Bai and supported by Mr. Squiers.

REVIEW OF 2019 GENERAL TREE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Brett Smith spoke regarding the 2019 Tree Maintenance Program stating that today Arbor Pro is starting to trim in Zone #1 in the northern end of the Village. He stated that we are now back on our normal schedule. Because of this and due to the fact that storm damage has been down, the trimming should be lighter than normal and this should cause the cost to come down.

TREE CITY USA STATUS

Brett Marshall has received the packet from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing Grosse Pointe Shores as Tree City USA status again. He commented that 3,500 cities participated last year in Tree City USA.

2019 ARBOR DAY THEME- Sunday, May 5, 2019

Brett Marshall reported that no new tree will be planted at the park on Arbor Day this year. We again will sponsor a poster contest very similar to last year with prizes awarded to the first and second place winners. Their pictures will be taken with their posters for inclusion in next year's city municipal calendar. Their posters will be on

display in the city municipal building throughout the month of May. The location of the festivities will take place in front of the bathhouse and walkway again this year as it proves to be a great location for this event.

### GPSIF UPDATE

Squiers and Marshall discussed the new tot lot being constructed at Osius park this year. There is a display in the municipal building of the tot lot for residents to view. The tot lot will be placed on the harbor side of the existing playscape and will be approximately 3,000 square feet. A group of young mothers expressed the need for children under 6 years of age to have a play area suited to them to both the Improvement Foundation and the City Council. The Foundation has chosen features and contracts have been signed. The Improvement Foundation is funding this project. It is anticipated to be completed by Memorial Day. The project includes landscaping with dirt and seed included in the cost.

### OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kucyk will keep the board up to date on a new revised tree ordinance that City Attorney Brian Renaud is working on to expand the ordinance. The Board discussed and all agreed that the ordinance should address the issue of removal of trees on a property as well as the kind of trees to be planted.

### NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed landscaping that needs to be done at and around the new gatehouse recently constructed. Landscaping is needed at both in front of and behind the new decorative fence-line. Michaux has already move the giant rock and created a half-moon bed around the rock to be landscaped as a garden. He stated that we should develop a narrow garden next to the fence near the gatehouse filled with stock like day lilies and other perennials and stated he didn't want grass to grow there as it would be too hard to mow along the fence-line. Squiers said that he will approach the Improvement Foundation for funding to install trees and lighting on the inside of the fence-line. A meeting some Tree Board members is scheduled for Friday at the park to review the area to come up with a plan for the area's development.

The board discussed a resident who has requested to become a member of the Tree Board. It was discussed that any by-laws should be reviewed to see if additional members can be added.

### NEXT BOARD MEETING

It was noted that the next Board meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

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Tree Board Secretary