



REQUEST FOR ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 11, 2022
PREPARED BY: Jesse Corrow, Associate Planner
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of Agenda and Minutes – Agenda Item 2A and B

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Call by Chair _____ for any additions or revisions to the agenda.

Motion by Committee member _____, seconded by Committee member _____ to approve as proposed or approve as amended the agenda for the August 11, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion by Committee member _____, seconded by Committee member _____ to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 regular meeting as presented or as amended.

COMMENTS:

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ATTACHMENTS:

None

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2022
Mayor's Conference Room
7 p.m.**

- Call to Order** The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7 p.m.
- Members Present** Chair Mary Parenteau, Sarah Picket, Cody Lensing, Don Varney, Bob Henke, Frank Kempel, Jake Wanek Marilyn Arnlund, Julie Gamber and Mike Aasen
- Members Absent** Steven Courtney
- Also Present** Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
- Approval of Agenda** Motion Bob, second Julie to approve the agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion Don, second Sarah to approve the minutes from May 12, 2022. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Hy-Vee North Property** Jesse checked with parks on the lakes around the government center and parks is proposing that it remains more of a native prairie grass area. It is possible there is some room for some trees – nothing too heavy to over shade prairie grass. The Rotary Club is looking to plant trees on the east side of the lake. There may be an opportunity to extend tree plantings to the north side of the lake. The committee discussed a forested parcel of land west of 94 and north of country road 30 and north of Menards. The committee and city could partner together to use the money to purchase land to preserve trees. Sarah mentioned buying the land and using the rest of the money to plant trees around central park. Cody added that some of the money could also be used to rid the property of invasives and upping the quality of the land. Don mentioned that the committee should evaluate the land and determine its suitability. Sarah also mentioned we also should determine what designation the land would be given to ensure it was not sold and developed in the future. The group discussed what, if any, designations, or contingencies can be put in place to protect the land now and in the future. Jesse to find out if committee can put a forest preserve designation on the land.

City Forester

Jake and Mary met virtually with city staff on the possibility of hiring a City Forester. The city is pulling together information and will have more for the committee at a later date. The committee approved a motion to formally recommend the city hire a City Forester.

Arbor Day Venue

Frank visited the Central Park Pavilion and felt it was a great space for the Arbor Day Event. He did mention new signs would be needed with the new location and that there may be an issue with kid's activities. Mary noted no separate area for kid's activities and doesn't know if the raptor center would be able to participate at that location. Mary was also concerned about the size of the venue and not wanting to count on the weather. Sarah mentioned scaling back kid's activities and trying it out for a year. Need to make sure raptor center would be able to make it work.

Maple Grove Days Parade

The Arbor Committee is in the parade. Jesse will send parade lineup ahead of the parade. Committee will need someone to be Smokey and EAB. Jesse will deliver trees and candy.

New Business**Forest Preservation Area
Invasive Treatment**

The city received two quotes for treatment of the forest preserve. Minnesota Native Landscapes and Ed's Buckthorn Control. The two quotes also had two different approaches. Mike mentioned Ed's proposal is much more thorough. The committee recommends Ed's Buckthorn Control and approved motion to do so.

Area Reports

Cody made a report that the secondary parking lot at Forest Preservation Area had a ton of garbage. Jesse to see if it can be blocked off or a gate added so people don't dump garbage.

Adjournment

Motion Julie, second Frank to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Wanek, Arbor Committee Member



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MEETING DATE: August 11, 2022
PREPARED BY: Jesse Corrow, Associate Planner
AGENDA ITEM: Hy-Vee Funds - Agenda Item 3A

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their meeting on June 12, 2022, the Arbor Committee discussed options on how the spend the \$67,150 cash-in-lieu received from Hy-Vee for excessive tree removal at their property at 9960 Maple Grove Parkway.

RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

Continue to discuss possible uses for the funds.

COMMENTS:

Forest Land Near Tri-Care Site:

The Arbor Committee discussed allocating money in order for the city to purchase a 13-acre parcel of forested land that is located just north of Menards and alongside I-94. Securing this property would make it possible to put certain designations on the property in order to preserve this forested area.

Central Park:

Another option that was discussed by the Arbor Committee was planting additional trees in Central Park. The Parks Department is currently working with the Rotary Club who would like to plant significantly more trees in certain areas of Central Park. While landscape plans are currently being prepared for this project, there are concerns with the health of existing trees in the park as well. Several of the trees planted over 7 years ago are dying off due the poor soils in the park. Rather than planting additional trees at this time, Parks may focus its efforts on replacing the dying trees and amending the soils to improve survival rates.

In addition to the improvements at Central Park, The Parks Department will be looking for additional trees to be planted at Gleason Fields (next year) and other new city park locations in future years.

ATTACHMENTS:



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AGENDA ITEM: Ed's Buckthorn Control – Agenda Item 3B

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

The Arbor Committee inquired if Ed's Buckthorn Control had treated any other large areas similar to the Forest Preservation Area. Below is a response from Ed. The City Council approved the proposal provided by Ed's Buckthorn at their meeting on July 18, 2022.

RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

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COMMENTS:

Please see the attached map of Mills Park at 13209 McGinty Rd East, Minnetonka, MN 55305.

We removed buckthorn here in winter 2019/2020, and have maintained it with follow-up foliar sprays like we proposed for your project.

We worked on the entire park outlined in blue, so if you take out the area of the creek, and other wetland spots where buckthorn did not grow, it is more than 10 acres of actual buckthorn removal area. There has been no restoration seeding or planting in this project area, except within the boardwalk area.

Please call Janet Van Sloun, natural resources specialist for the City of Minnetonka. She would be happy to give you straightforward information about working with us, and the quality of the work we complete. Her number is 612-360-7534. Her supervisor is Leslie Yetka, natural resources division director 952-988-8415, but we are not in direct contact about the work.

We have also removed significant buckthorn in Civic Center Park, Tower Hill Park, and Jidana Park, Hilloway Park, Lake Rose Park, and others to a lesser degree, but they are not quite as suitable for comparison. Janet can speak to these parks as well.

None of our private property jobs have the same scale as your project, but the methods are the same. We have removed buckthorn for over 300 residential customers over the last 5 years, and we have not had any trouble with keeping the buckthorn under control.

We have worked for Friends of the Mississippi River, and you may contact Karen Schik, senior ecologist at 651-222-2193 x15, or Alex Roth, conservation director at 651-222-2193 x33

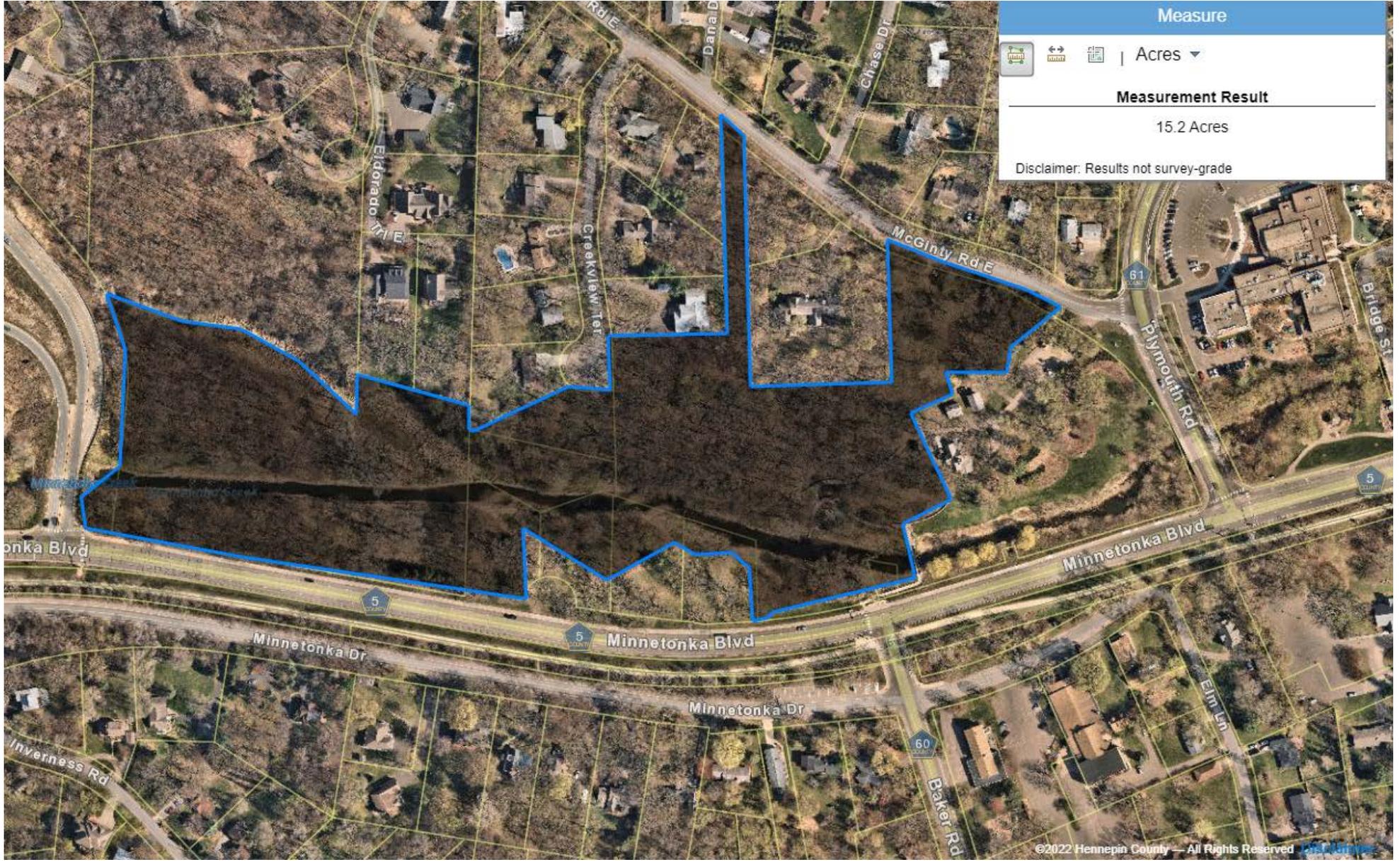
Please call or email again if you have more questions.

Thanks!

Ed

ATTACHMENTS:

Map of Mills Park in Minnetonka



Measure



| Acres ▾

Measurement Result

15.2 Acres

Disclaimer: Results not survey-grade



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AGENDA ITEM: Maple Grove Days Parade Recap – Agenda Item 3C

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

At their meeting on June 9, 2022, the Arbor Committee planned and prepared for the Maple Grove Days Parade that took place on July 14th.

RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

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COMMENTS:

Follow-up discussion after the event is important to make any needed changes for future Maple Grove Days Parade planning.

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AGENDA ITEM: New Arbor Committee Members – Agenda Item 4A

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
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RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:
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COMMENTS:
Seven applications were received to fill the two vacancies on the Arbor Committee. Chair Parenteau and staff recently held interviews with the candidates and the two successful candidates will be officially appointed by the City Council ahead of the September Arbor Committee meeting.

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REQUEST FOR ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION

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PREPARED BY: Jesse Corrow, Associate Planner
AGENDA ITEM: Area Reports – Agenda Item 5

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:
None

RECOMMENDED ARBOR COMMITTEE ACTION:

The area reports section of the agenda provides an opportunity for any Committee member to report any item in the city that needs staff attention. Arbor related items will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member with a response provided at the next meeting.

COMMENTS:

Upcoming Meeting Notes:

- City Administrator, Heidi Nelson will join the September 8th Arbor Committee meeting to present on the Maple Grove Community Center renovation and expansion project.
 - Addison Dahmer from Girl Scouts troop 16206 will present to the Arbor Committee on her Gold Award Project.
 - All future Arbor Committee Meetings will be returning to the Mayors Conference Room.
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ATTACHMENTS:

None