

**MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2022  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER  
7:00 PM**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7:00 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Chair Mary Parenteau, Vice-Chair Frank Kampel, Sarah Piket, Julie Gamber, Don Varney, Marilyn Arnlund, Steve Courtney, Mike Aasen.
<b>Members Absent</b>	Bob Henke, Steve Courtney, Cody Lensing, and Jake Wanek.
<b>Also Present</b>	Judy Hanson, Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Parenteau requested that added 4.D. EAB updates be added to Old Business. Motion Kampel, second Varney to approve the amended agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Kampel requested that Page 1 Election of Officers be updated to specify that the motions were passed (all ayes). Motion Arnlund, second Aasen to approve the amended minutes from January 13, 2022. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b><u>Oath of Office</u></b>	Councilmember Hanson will administer the Oath of Office to Cody Lensing at the next meeting as he was not able to attend.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>	
<b>4A - Parking Lot Subcommittee</b>	Varney gave an update of all the work done to date by the Subcommittee along with key observations from visiting numerous developments throughout the city. A draft Tree Planting Standard diagram was presented which is a tool to communicate requirements during landscape design, planting, and maintenance that address key areas that affect a tree's survival. Actual language for the requirements would be written into the ordinance. Parenteau asked about specifications that were based on the City of Minneapolis and if they were in ordinance or not. They are part of a Parks Board manual. Council Member Hanson expressed that Council is aware of the importance of good landscaping, especially in light of recent issues with some developments in

the City. She also said a consideration to work through is how to ensure developers adhere to any new ordinance requirements (carrot vs. stick). City would need staff to have available if inspections are part of the process. Aasan indicated that inspections may be hard to schedule for the time of planting, but it is reasonable for a spot check by the city after the fact. Kampel discussed how the City has used sureties and performance agreements as a way to incentivize developers to plant trees correctly. Varney explained how better designed parking lots could also have a positive effect on tree survivability. Council Member Hanson inquired if Community Development would be the correct department to work with as the recommended ordinance updates are closer to finalization. Staff Liaison Corrow introduced the idea of the City requiring landscape companies to be licensed. Kampel inquired how we can also apply new requirements to existing developments.

**4B - Conservation Partners  
Legacy Grant**

Parenteau, Kampel and Aasan are working with city staff to write the grant application. They are waiting for financials from the new group being hired to do invasive species management in the Forest Preservation Area before they can complete the grant application. Parenteau inquired if the application needs Council approval once the City Manager approves. The City Manager will know if that approval is needed.

**4C - 2022 Arbor Day Event**

The Arbor Day event is scheduled for May 7<sup>th</sup>. A list of exhibitors from previous years was reviewed and a committee member was assigned to each exhibitor to contact about attending this year's event. Aasan will check if Lynde would be interested in providing trees for display, similar to what has been done in past years. Assignments to committee members were made for other responsibilities before the event (advertising, supplies acquisition) and during the event (booth staffing). Arnlund distributed a list of common household items to be saved and collected for craft supplies.

**4D - EAB Update**

Staff liaison Corrow gave an update on the City's plans for EAB management in 2022. He identified the area to be treated as south of I-694 and west of I-94. Trees will be assessed. If they are removed they will also have the stumps grinded. If they are treated they will be tagged. Notification of the plan will be published in the summer newsletter. Adjacent property owners of the treatment area will also be notified by mail.

**New Business**

## **5A - Website Updates**

Staff liaison Corrow indicated that four new informational videos have been loaded to the Arbor Committee page on the City website.

## **Area Reports**

Future landscape plans for review by the Arbor Committee will be mailed to committee members. Electronic copies can also be emailed for anyone who wishes to receive them that way.

Secretarial duties will be handled by Arbor Committee members on a rotating basis. Rotation based on alphabetical order.

Parenteau inquired if a label could be added to the staff report for concept plans if the development is in a T-Zone. Staff liaison Corrow will look into the possibility.

## **Adjournment**

Motion Kampel, second Gamber to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Piket, Arbor Committee Member  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee