

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee
Regular Meeting Draft Minutes
April 14, 2022
Emergency Operations Center
7:00 PM**

Call to Order	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7:00 p.m.
Members Present	Chair Mary Parenteau, Sarah Picket, Julie Gamber, Don Varney, Bob Henke, Marilyn Arnlund, Steve Courtney, Mike Aasen and Jake Wanek.
Members Absent	Cody Lensing and Frank Kempel
Also Present	Judy Hanson, City Council Liaison Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
Approval of Agenda	Motion Marilyn, second Sarah to approve the agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
Approval of Minutes	Motion Marilyn, second Bob to approve the minutes from March 10, 2022. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<u>Old Business</u>	
Parking Lot Subcommittee	Committee has not met since last meeting but has meeting set this month.
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant	WSB will take over grant writing for the application. Hoping to have the grant to the council meeting by May 2. May 9 is deadline to submit the application.
2022 Arbor Day Event	<p>Julie will be there after previously being unavailable. Marilyn discussed Arbor Day event items with the committee that she has purchased. As well as crafts she bought and worked on for kid's activities and boards for her booth. She also has a Bird ID YouTube video to show at the event that people can watch at the event.</p> <p>Sarah said we have volunteers for the event from Maple Grove High School for the event. Event members to get names of volunteers to Jesse for name tags to work the event.</p>

Jesse mentioned there is no date yet for tree pickup. But seedlings will be gel-coated to last longer. May need to bag the seedlings if needed.

Maple Grove Citizens for Sustainability requested a flyer and Sarah created one for the event. Mary said to send to council, park board, and other city employees in addition to putting them up around town.

Signs for seedlings and show trees need to be made. Trees will come day of and Sunflower seeds and pots can be brought to community center on the Friday before the event.

Committee members are to be at event at 10 am if possible and will take turns and rotate through various areas of the event. Mary has booths organized together and high school volunteers will work the kid's area.

New Business

Tree Sale Planning

Dan from Grove Nursery provided list of trees to be sold at fall tree sale. Marilyn mentioned the two maples included on the list can have issues and may not be a good fit. Committee members agreed. Maples are out. Tree list approved with 11 total trees. Order form will be available in the summer newsletter and online.

Adopt-A-Street

May 19 at 5:30 pm at Basswood Elementary will be the meeting place for committee members

City Council Goals

Marilyn mentioned news article about council goals. Final goal is to develop 5-year plan to address budget and staffing needs. Asked if trees would fall under that umbrella. Mary asked Judy if Committee can do anything proactive to ensure trees are included in the council goals and future plans.

City Forester

Jake brought up some info on what other cities around the country are doing to pay for a city forester and some numbers around property values with cities with a higher tree canopy percentage.

Mary brought up Growing Shade project as a way to look at similar cities in the metro and their tree canopy percentages.

Mary will check with Joe H. on best way to bring Forester position to the council.

Area Reports

Marilyn discussed the potential dangers of jumping worms. Invasive species that can decimate a forest. Jesse will check with parks to see if there are any reports on jumping worms. Additional information on Landscape plans will be sent out. Mary asked if anyone else needed anything to fill out and evaluate the plans. Jesse will look into a google doc or working sheet for Committee members to give feedback on plans.

Rotary Club is having a buckthorn removal event at the Arboretum on April 21 at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

Motion by Sarah Picket, second by Don Varney to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Wanek, Arbor Committee Member
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee