

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 11, 2023**  
**Mayor's Conference Room**  
**6:30 p.m.**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Chair Mary Parenteau, Sarah Pickett, Cody Lensing, Don Varney, Marilyn Arnlund, Bob Henke, Emma Molls and Apeckchya Karki
<b>Members Absent</b>	Darleen Lindgren, Frank Kampel and Rachael Lamsal
<b>Also Present</b>	Rachelle Johnson, Council Liaison Joe Hogeboom, Director of Community and Economic Development Justin Templin, City Attorney Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
<b>Special Business</b>	<p>City Attorney Justin Templin presented the Data and Ethics Practices and Open Meeting Law training to the Arbor Committee.</p> <p>Joe Hogeboom introduced a formal work plan approved by the City Council that is required for each city board and commission. Hogeboom discussed each of the assigned projects that include the following: Tree Planting Recommendations, Monarch Pledge, Engaging with Similar Community Groups, Forester Roles and Duties, Arbor Day Celebration, Pierre Bottineau Parade, Adopt-A-Highway and Forest Preservation Area Buckthorn Removal.</p> <p>Going forward, work plans will be provided annually each January.</p>
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion Pickett, second Henke to approve the agenda for May 11, 2023. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Motion Varney, second Molls to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

## Old Business

### **Parking Lot Sub Committee**

Subcommittee members expect they will be able to share their findings with the Arbor Committee after two or three more meetings. Per the direction of city staff, subcommittee meetings will be on hold until further notice.

### **Arbor Day Event**

Committee members were asked to share their thoughts on the Arbor Day event and provide recommendations for next year. Committee members feel this was the most attended event they can recall. Nearly all of the tree seedlings were distributed, the serviceberry trees were very popular while the Chinese chestnut were not. Additional easel stands are needed for next year. Some of the material at the master gardener table is outdated and needs updating.

### **Hy-Vee North Funds**

Committee members were not able to meet since the last meeting to design a landscape plan. Parenteau mentioned that Dan Sanford from Grove Nursery is willing to help with the landscape plan, she will contact Dan and hopefully have a draft landscape plan to review at the next meeting.

### **City Forester**

Councilor Johnson mentioned there has been some discussion on the role of a city forester and if a new position is created, it would likely be paired with the environmental efforts the city is targeting. Staff does not see a city forester as a full-time job and feels that sustainability and environmental efforts would be a nice fit under its role. The committee discussed the qualifications this person should have and feels a degree or background in forestry is needed.

## New Business

### **Maple Grove Days Parade**

Corrow informed the group that the Arbor Committee is registered to take part in the parade on July 13, 2023. Corrow will contact Ed Reichow to see if he will drive his truck and trailer for the Arbor Committee Parade. Henke will contact the DNR about Smokey Bear.

### **Area Reports**

Parenteau asked if MNDOT has collected the litter along the freeways. Corrow received an email response from the metro contact that the Maple Grove area is planned.

Parenteau reminded the group of the street cleanup event along Vicksburg Lane on May 17, 2023.

Varney discussed a presentation he heard that focused on best management practices for snow plow drivers. Varney will connect the speaker with the Lake Quality Commission and see about have her join a future meeting.

**Adjournment**

Motion Arnlund, second Varney to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jesse Corrow, City Planner  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee