

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2022
Emergency Operations Center
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 Kampel and Jake Wanek.
Members Absent	Marilyn Arnlund, Julie Gamber Steve Courtney and Mike Aasen
Also Present	Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
Approval of Agenda	Motion Bob, second Sarah to approve the agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
Approval of Minutes	Motion Don, second Jake to approve the minutes from April 14, 2022. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<u>Old Business</u>	
Conservation Partners Legacy Grant –	Jesse said the grant was submitted by WSB on the deadline date. Status will be updated within 4-6 weeks. 2023 applications will begin in August.
2022 Arbor Day Event	Bob said to add a “how did you hear about us” at the entrance to better understand what marketing tactics work best. Mary mentioned looking at smaller trees for the seedlings. Don mentioned having better photos for all seedlings. Everyone agreed Wright County Soil & Water Conservation District was a great place to get seedlings from. Jesse mentioned possibility of holding next year’s event at Central Park. The committee will visit the venue independently between now and June meeting to see if the Pavilion will work for the next event. Frank and the committee made a special commendation to thank Marilyn for all her work for the event. Frank also mentioned putting out Arbor Day event banner out on Weaver Lake Rd much earlier.

Arbor Committee T-Shirts

T-shirt color and design were discussed.

New Business

Hy-Vee North Property

Hy-Vee purchased property and had development stage plans approved which involved removing T-zone trees and paying cash (\$67,150) in lieu of replacing them. The property was recently put up for sale and the original plans were scrapped. The committee discussed options how to best spend the money. The site most suited for trees would be near ponds around city hall. Jesse mentioned the money could also be used to purchase forested property as well.

Maple Grove Days Parade

The Maple Grove Arbor Committee is in the parade which will take place on July 14 at 6:30 p.m. Ed Reichow will provide his trailer and truck. Don will pick-up Smokey and EAB costumes. Jesse will acquire candy to hand out.

City Forester Presentation

Jake and Mary gave presentation to the committee before upcoming meeting with the city. Committee members suggested finding more hard data on money spent on external vs internal resources. Findings will be presented to city staff on May 27.

Area Reports

Jesse showed numbers from Kelly Matzke on EAB treatment update. Bob mentioned parking lot was graded at the forest preservation area.

Adjournment

Motion Sarah, second Cody to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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