

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2022  
Mayor's Conference Room  
7 p.m.**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Chair Mary Parenteau, Sarah Picket, Cody Lensing, Bob Henke, Frank Kampel, Jake Wanek Marilyn Arnlund, Julie Gamber, Rachael Lamsal and Emma Molls
<b>Members Absent</b>	Don Varney
<b>Also Present</b>	Judy Hanson, City Council Member Heidi Nelson, City Administrator Angie Dehn, Community Center Manager Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
<b>Oath of Office</b>	Rachael Lamsal and Emma Molls
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Item 5C – Forest Preservation Area was added by Kampel. Motion. Motion Kampel, second Henke to approve the agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A typo was changed by Kampel. Motion Picket, second Gamber to approve the minutes from August 7, 2022. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Special Business</b>	City Administrator Nelson and Community Center Manager Dehn presented the Maple Grove Community Center renovation and expansion project. The \$116 million project will be on the ballot in November and proposes a 0.5 cent local option sales tax to fund \$90 million of the project. Remaining funding would include \$18 million in state bonding funds and \$8 million from various community sources. If passed, design and financing would begin in 2023 with an estimated completion by summer of 2026.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>	
<b>Fall Tree Sale Update</b>	Corrow provided a breakdown of trees sold during the fall tree sale. 83 trees were sold in the 2022 ordering period compared to 74 in 2021. Customer pick-up will take place on Saturday, September 10.

## **Hy-Vee North Funds**

The committee has been discussing where to allocate the \$67,150 cash-in-lieu money from the scrapped Hy-Vee North project. Discussion had previously been around a 13-acre parcel of forested land north of Menards alongside I-94. However, the Parks Department has interest in making the land a conservancy park in their comprehensive plan. Corrow will check on the definition of a conservancy park.

Piket asked about planting trees around the government center and lakes. Corrow mentioned that Parks would allow some scattered trees but has received grant money to restore the prairie grass around the lakes. Henke suggested holding the money to see if other property comes available.

Corrow mentioned a city owned lot that the committee could plant trees at near the intersection of Bass Lake Rd and Maple Grove Pkwy. Committee members will travel to the property to see it and bring feedback to the next meeting.

## **Forest Preservation Area**

Kampel requested an update on how to discourage trash dumping near the south parking lot of the Forest Preservation Area. Corrow provided an update and stated Public Works will be removing the curb cut and closing access off to the public. The possibility of planting trees here could also be an option. The committee would like to see a dog leash sign removed so as not to encourage off-trail access to the area. Parenteau asked about when the Buckthorn removal would begin. Corrow expects later in the fall when buckthorn is more easily distinguished.

## **New Business**

### **Addison Dahmer**

Ms. Dahmer did not attend the meeting.

## **Area Reports**

Arnlund described the Oriental Bittersweet she discovered growing near her home and asked if Public Works or Parks staff has seen it around the city. Corrow will find out.

## **Adjournment**

Motion Arnlund, second Piket to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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