

**MAPLE GROVE  
ARBOR COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2015  
MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
7:00 PM**

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chairperson Mary Parenteau at 7:00 pm.

Members Present

Mary Parenteau, Julie Gamber, Joe Hogeboom, Rory Howell, Marilyn Arnlund, Steve Courtney, Mary Lynn Kenknight, Terri Polski, Adam Bedard

Members Absent

Ed Reichow

Also Present

Erik Johnson, City Councilmember, Frank Kampel - Staff Representative,

Oath of Office

Frank Kampel administered the Oath of Office to Adam Bedard. Bedard's appointment will conclude on December 31, 2017. There is now one unfilled commissioner position remaining.

Approval of Agenda  
and Minutes

Chair Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Joe Hogeboom made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Julie Gamber and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Parenteau asked if there were any revisions to the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Steve Courtney made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Rory Howell and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

New Business

Skye at Arbor Lakes  
2<sup>nd</sup> Addition Landscape Plan

Frank Kampel introduced the Landscape Plan for the proposed “Skye at Arbor Lakes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Addition”, located at the intersection of Lakeview Dr. No. and 81<sup>st</sup> Ave. No. Kampel explained that the plantings at this development compliment the plantings located in neighboring multifamily residential developments.

Steve Courtney stated that there is a good mix of trees and plant material on the plan. Mary Lynn Kenknight noted that “Butterfly Bush” is not a hardy tree in this area.

Chair Parenteau asked if there were any further comments. The Arbor Committee concurred that the plan was acceptable, and Kampel stated that he would provide Kenknight’s comments to the developer.

Old Business

2015 Arbor Day Planning

Frank Kampel introduced this item, and reminded the Committee that the 2015 Arbor Day celebration will be held on Saturday, April 25 at the Maple Grove Community Center. The Arbor Committee had previously discussed this item at the January 8, 2015 meeting.

Kampel stated that the following items have been confirmed for the event:

- Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo
- University of Minnesota Raptor Center
- Audubon Society
- Smokey the Bear and Emerald Ash Borer Costumes
- MN DNR Invasive Species Display
- Master Gardeners – Tree Care Advisors
- Tote Bags
- Passbook Scavenger Hunt
- University of Minnesota “Make Your Own Beehive”
- Home Depot – Bird House Building
- Wood Carvers
- Artist – Barb Boulka

Kampel stated that the Committee will request Hackberry, Kentucky Coffeetree, Gingko, Japanese Larch, Ohio Buckeye, Catalpa, Smoketree, Ironwood and Princeton Elm trees from Dundee Nursery. Mary Lynn

Kenknight requested if Service Berry, Wahoo and Butternut trees could be added. Kampel stated that he will look into the request.

Mary Lynn Kenknight stated that "Buckthorn Busters" is actually an organization out of Elk River, MN which serves that community. "Buckthorn Blasters" is the local company which sells dobbers that can be used to kill buckthorn growth. The dobbers cost \$6 each. Marilyn Arnlund suggested that the City either see if it could purchase the items at a wholesale price in order to resell them at the Arbor Day event, or whether it could obtain the items at no cost, place the items for sale at the event, and return the proceeds and unused inventory to Buckthorn Blasters. Kenknight will contact Buckthorn Blasters to see if that is possible.

Mary Lynn Kenknight contacted the Yellow Tree Theatre to see if it could provide some sort of entertainment to children at the event. Kenknight has not heard back from the Yellow Tree Theatre. However, Kenknight has also contacted the Escalade Dance Theatre, which has agreed to offer children's drama-based activities. Kenknight will work with the Escalade Dance Theatre to see if it can integrate an "arbor" theme into its activities.

Frank Kampel stated that he is waiting to hear from Ed Lynde, of Lynde Nurseries, regarding the flower pot and seed giveaways. Mr. Lynde is out of town, and Kampel will contact him when he returns.

Frank Kampel stated that he will work on creating advertisement fliers for local elementary schools. Steve Courtney stated that many schools now send information out to parents electronically. Marilyn Arnlund suggested contacting the Osseo School District directly to see what the best method of communication is for the schools.

Frank Kampel stated that the trees for the tree raffle will be ordered as part of the annual city tree sale. Kampel stated that no crabapple trees will be ordered this year for giveaways.

Frank Kampel contacted Wright-Hennepin Electric regarding the tree seedling giveaway. Although the Committee previously requested that no Maple Trees or Spruce Trees be given away, Wright-Hennepin only has a certain number of species it can provide. That includes spruce, pine, maple, oak and birch. The Committee agreed to continue to distribute whatever species Wright-Hennepin Electric is able and willing to donate.

Frank Kampel will contact the Maple Grove High School National Honor Society as the event date draws near to see if there are any volunteers to wear the Smokey the Bear and Emerald Ash Borer costumes.

Marilyn Arnlund and Frank Kampel will continue to work on the Tree Inventory Display. Arnlund suggested that a log could be used to be measured in order to teach event-goers how to assess trees and to garner interest in the program.

Julie Gamber will work to coordinate coffee and orange drink refreshments with McDonald's. Joe Hogeboom will seek local businesses to donate cookies or other refreshments. Hogeboom will also contact the DNR regarding possible giveaways and prizes for the Passbook Scavenger Hunt.

The group will continue to discuss ideas for an Arbor Committee display at the event that would highlight the group's accomplishments. Mary Lynn Kenknight suggested creating a volunteer program that would assist neighborhoods in localized buckthorn removal events. The group will discuss this idea at a future meeting.

Terri Polski stated that children's activities could again be concentrated in the "senior" room at the Community Center. Activities will include tree medallion crafts, birdhouse and bee house building and other arts and crafts.

Mary Lynn Kenknight suggested that she and Marilyn Arnlund could produce a video of proper tree planting techniques that could be shown near the demonstration trees. Julie Gamber suggested that Ed Reichow's mulching display could also be incorporated into that area.

Frank Kampel stated that the Minnesota Horticultural Society is unable to participate in this year's event.

#### Landscape Tree Suggestion List

Frank Kampel reminded the group that the City's Landscape Tree Suggestion List continues to be refined. Mary Lynn Kenknight distributed a list of trees that are recommended to be avoided. Kampel will work to incorporate that list into the master Landscape Tree Suggestion List Document.

Mary Lynn Kenknight distributed a document from the City of Minneapolis that advertised its tree sale program. Mary Lynn KenKnight added that the City of Minneapolis had a good selection of trees they were selling. Kenknight pointed out the reduced cost of the trees and suggested that the City of Minneapolis worked to subsidize the cost. Frank Kampel stated that Maple Grove's tree sales are not subsidized by the City. Councilmember Erik Johnson stated that he does not believe that Maple Grove should subsidize the cost of the trees like Minneapolis does, pointing out that Minneapolis receives more state funding and subsidies than Maple Grove does.

Joe Hogeboom suggested that if certain trees were to be suggested by the Committee to be planted in Maple Grove, then perhaps those trees should be the only ones offered through the City's tree sale program.

Marilyn Arnlund asked whether or not the City has a contract with Grove Nurseries, and if not, suggested that the City look into pricing at other area nurseries for the City's tree sale. The group concurred. Councilmember Erik Johnson suggested that the City also look into how many municipal trees are replaced as part using a warranty.

#### Area Reports

Frank Kampel introduced a memo from the Community Development Department stating that the wall sign on the Upsher Smith Building, which faces Interstate 494, is in compliance with City Code. Kampel explained that the Code regulates the words on the sign, but does not regulate the lighting around the sign. The light, itself, does meet the requirements of City Code.

Frank Kampel stated that he is still working with the University of Minnesota regarding parking lot island tree suggestions, and will report back to the Committee when he has more information.

#### Adjournment

Rory Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. The motion was seconded by Julie Gamber and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Hogeboom, Secretary  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee