

**MAPLE GROVE
ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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 p.m.
Adjournment	Chairperson Mary Parenteau indicated there was no quorum whereupon she indicated the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.
Reconvene	Chairperson Mary Parenteau reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
Members Present	Mary Parenteau, Julie Gamber, Rory Howell, Marilyn Arnlund, Steve Courtney and Adam Bedard
Members Absent	Ed Reichow, Joe Hogeboom, Mary Lynn KenKnight and Terri Polski
Also Present	Erik Johnson, Councilmember, and Frank Kampel, Staff Representative
Approval of Agenda and Minutes	<p>Chairperson Mary Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Hearing none, Adam Bedard made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve Courtney and passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p> <p>Chairperson Mary Parenteau asked if there were any revisions to the February 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Mary Lynn KenKnight, through Marilyn Arnlund, requested amending Paragraph 2 under Landscape Tree Suggestion List by adding the following sentence after the first sentence: “Mary Lynn KenKnight added that the City of Minneapolis had a good selection of trees they were selling.</p> <p>Steve Courtney made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Arnlund and passed unanimously on a voice vote.</p>

Old Business

2015 Arbor Day Planning

Frank Kampel reviewed the list of activities proposed for this year's Arbor Day event. He added that the Buckthorn Busters will be at the event selling dabbers, the glyphosate solution and dye to people who desire to eradicate buckthorn. He also mentioned that Joe Hogeboom e-mailed him that he will be donating boxes of Girl Scout cookies to the event. Julie Gamber mentioned she will obtain the drinks from McDonald's.

Mary Parenteau suggested passing out the tote bags near the entrance hallway as people arrive at the event. It was mentioned that it would be nice for Arbor Committee members to walk around and be a part of the event. Marilyn Arnlund mentioned that she will be putting together the tree inventory display board and suggested it be placed next to the Tree Care Advisor area. She also asked if anyone would be willing to assist putting that together, needing 2 to 3 people. Mary Parenteau volunteered to help along with Julie Gamber provided it is not on a Thursday. It was also suggested that tree inventory applications and background check forms be made available along with a DBH tape and a 6-8 inch diameter log to measure. The attire of Arbor Committee members was discussed. It was decided that Committee members wear shirts used by tree inventory volunteers. Shirts will be provided to Committee members who currently are not part of the tree inventory program.

It was suggested that a Committee member be at the buckthorn display and to move the people that had been assigned for tote bag distribution to the buckthorn display. It was also suggested to have the weed wrench on display.

There was discussion on the grassroots/City effort to eradicate buckthorn. It was determined that there would be an area entitled "Neighborhood Buckthorn Eradicators" and a sign reading:

"An Arbor Committee member will assist you and your neighbors on how to eradicate buckthorn.

Get your neighbors
Get your friends
To bring buckthorn to an end
Sign up here.”

Lastly, it was decided that everyone show up by 10:00 a.m. to assist with set up.

Landscape Tree
Suggestion List

Steve Courtney indicated three minor revisions that need to be made to the list.

It was also discussed that the City should attempt to get a price on trees without a warranty and have Public Works plant the trees as they see appropriate. It was also suggested to ask Joe Bennett how many trees that were vandalized in 2014 were replaced.

Area Reports

There were no area reports mentioned.

Frank Kampel announced to the Committee his plans to retire from the City of Maple Grove with his last day being May 29, 2015.

Adjournment

Adam Bedard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Rory Howell and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Kampel
Arbor Committee Staff Representative