

attended an Arbor Day Event before and was very impressed by all of the things that went on during the event.

Committee Member Howell stated that the face painter did a great job with the paintings. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that there was a steady flow of people at the face painting booth from 1pm-3pm. Committee Member Arnlund added that the painting was wonderful; however, initial communication was the understanding that a special board with nature pictures would be the only options available for kids.

Committee Member Gamber stated that after the initial rush, there was a time between 1pm-3pm that seemed slow. Committee Member Courtney stated that the Committee could look into shortening the event from 12pm-3pm, or possibly “front loading” the big events to eliminate the lull in the middle of the session. Staff Liaison Matzke responded by saying the City can look into those options for the event in 2017.

Committee Member Kampel stated that there was a great variety of trees for people to look at, and asked if anyone was watching the “how to plant a tree video”. Committee Member Arnlund stated that the Tree Care Advisor representative said that there were many people that stopped to watch the video.

Committee Member Gamber stated that it would be nice if the DNR would be able to provide a live show similar to the Reptile and Amphibian Zoo and the University of Minnesota Raptor Center. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he would look into the option for next year.

EAB Management Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and stated that changes have been made to the EAB Management Plan based on the recommendation of the Arbor Committee. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that the City will not replace boulevard trees that are removed along residential streets due to cost and maintenance.

Chair Parenteau stated that the City making discretionary decisions for the replacement of boulevard

trees along street corridors of major collectors and arterials needs to be stronger. Committee Member Kampel stated using the words “will replace” would assure replacement of trees along corridors would be done. Staff Liaison Matzke stated he would bring that revision request to the EAB Management Plan Committee.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the budget section of the EAB Management Plan should be rewritten to include the Maple Grove Park Board and City Council together rather than keeping them separate. Committee Member Courtney stated the Maple Grove Park Board and City Council will evaluate budgets related to City wide expenditures would be a good way to include both the Park Board and Council. Staff Liaison Matzke stated he would bring the revision request to the EAB Management Plan Committee.

Committee Member Kampel made a motion to recommend that Council adopt the EAB Management Plan for the City of Maple Grove. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Courtney and passed unanimously by a voice vote.

LCCMR Grant

Committee Member Arnlund introduced this item, and stated that the City of Maple Grove will be looking for volunteers to help manage the community forest and boulevard trees as a part of a grant sponsored by the Minnesota DNR. Committee Member Arnlund stated that the community will be providing the following tree care activities: tree plantings, tree watering, tree pruning, and tree steward program. Chairperson Parenteau thanked Committee Member Arnlund for taking the lead in the volunteer portion of the grant. Committee Member Arnlund stated that she would be providing monthly updates on the grant situation in the upcoming months.

Prestige School Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced the landscape plan, and asked the Committee to comment on the plan.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the plan does not meet City Code because it has too many Red Maple

trees and Black Hills Spruce.

Committee Member Sanford stated that the Red Maple tree is not a very hardy tree. Committee Member Sanford stated that a Northwoods Maple or Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple would be a better option. Committee Member Sanford stated that the Ponderosa Pine and Scotch Pine would be good alternatives for the Black Hills Spruce.

Bottineau Ridge
Landscape Plan

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the amount of Skyline Honeylocust (17) and Black Hills Spruce (21) exceeds the amount allowed by City Code.

Committee Member Sanford stated that the trees included in the plan are of great variety. Committee Member Courtney agreed and stated that the landscape architect revise the quantity of trees on the plan in order to meet City Code.

Auto Zone
Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced the landscape plan of Auto Zone, and explained that Auto Zone would be located in the area west of Menard's, and north of Walmart.

Committee Member Gamber stated that the Japanese Lilac Tree is not considered an overstory tree.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the maximum tree allowed of one species is 5, therefore, the number of River Birch would have to be reduced by 1 to meet City Code.

Committee Member Courtney stated that the landscape plan needs to include 4 overstory trees to meet City code.

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he will submit the recommendations to Community Development on behalf of the Arbor Committee.

Area Reports

Committee Member Sanford stated that many of the landscape plans that were approved years ago no longer meet City Code due to trees being removed without

being replaced. Committee Member Arnlund stated that this has been a problem for many years. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he will talk with the people in Community Development, and report back to the Arbor Committee next month.

Adjournment

Committee Member Howell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Courtney and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Matzke, City Staff Liaison
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee