



MAPLE GROVE
ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 10, 2012
7:00 PM – ROOM 183
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM



1. Call to Order

2. Approval Of Agenda And Minutes
 - A. Additions or deletions to agenda
 - B. April 12, 2012 regular meeting minutes

3. Old Business
 - A. 2012 Arbor Day final planning
 - B. New resident letter

4. Area Reports

5. Adjournment

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Number: 2



Meeting Date: May 10, 2012
Agenda Heading: Approval of Agenda and Minutes
Additions or deletions to Agenda
April 12, 2012 regular meeting
Agenda Item: minutes

Recommended Committee Action:

Call by Chairperson _____ for any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Committee member _____, seconded by Committee member _____
to approve as proposed or approve as amended the agenda for the May 10, 2012 regular meeting.

Motion by Committee member _____, seconded by Committee member
_____ to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 regular meeting as presented or as
amended.

Discussion:

Committee Comments:

Question 3 will be revised accordingly. Question 5 will be revised since it references Harry Potter, which is a dated reference. The Committee recommended replacing it with a question on the state bird the Common Loon. Question 6 will be revised to a question on amphibians that Terri Polski will research. The Committee agreed to use hole-punches to denote correct answers and the passbooks will be handed out and collected for the raffle at the same location by a Committee Member. The raffle prize will be passes to the Community Center.

Marie Digatono recommended the Rockler Woodworking and Hardware store in Ridgedale as a possible source for a display in lieu of the Maple Grove woodworkers, if it becomes necessary.

Frank Kampel confirmed that the Audubon Society would be at this year's event.

Marie Digatono inquired about volunteers for the Smokey the Bear picture-taking task. Frank Kampel stated that he has two likely volunteers.

Terri Polski informed the Committee that she wasn't able to obtain a public announcement (PA) system for the event.

Joseph Hogeboom recommended that each area of the event space should have a board posting the schedule for events/presentations at that area. He volunteered to prepare the boards.

Mary Parenteau stated she may have access to a PA system appropriate for the event. If possible, she will bring it to the next Committee Meeting for review by the Committee.

Joseph Hogeboom noted that in other communities, the Police Department is sometimes able to provide a PA system for municipal events. He also noted that Patch.com is listing this year's event.

The Committee discussed the Maple Grove Arbor Day

Festival flier. Mary Parenteau suggested including the tree planting on the schedule scroll at the center of the flier and that reference to Emerald Ash Borer information available at the event be added to the flier. The Committee also suggested different font colors may make the flyer more legible.

John Bender provided an example for review by the Committee of the rain garden information packets he plans to hand out during the event. Marie Digatono felt the information is valuable but suggested finding publications prepared by Minnesota agencies, rather than by the Wisconsin DNR.

Terri Polski recommended placing signs advertising the event on Vicksburg Lane for both north and southbound traffic.

The Committee assigned Members to the tasks and activities of this year's event. Members not present were tentatively assigned tasks. Frank Kampel will prepare a schedule for final approval at the May Committee Meeting.

New Resident Letter

The Committee discussed the shortened list of recommended native tree species to be included in the new resident letter. The Committee agreed to include a mix of small, medium and large trees both deciduous and coniferous, namely: Serviceberry, American Plum, River Birch, Linden, Red Maple, Swamp White Oak, Eastern Red Cedar & Black Spruce.

The Committee discussed advertising the Arbor event and the Environmental Enhancement Award (EEA). Marie Digatono suggested both be included in the spring community newsletter. She also suggested Committee Members should have EEA application forms for distribution to interested citizens. Frank Kampel will print out copies for the Members.

New Business

Shade Tree Short Course

Frank Kampel began the discussion by informing the Committee of the valuable information he and other City

Staff gained through the course, specifically about invasive species that threaten trees, i.e. Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the Asian longhorn beetle, the gypsy moth and the sawfly. Trees that are affected can quickly become safety hazards due to falling limbs/trees.

Frank Kampel stated that he believes it is in the City's best interest to begin actively removing declining Ash trees and he suggested the Committee go on record endorsing this type of management. He noted that it is easier to identify declining trees in the current drought situation.

Frank Kampel informed the Committee that the plan to inventory the trees on City property has not been finalized and may involve volunteers.

Mary Parenteau noted that the Department of Public Works would need to be involved in active tree removal.

John Bender inquired if active removal of trees would also involve tree replacement.

Joseph Hogeboom suggested areas of the City be prioritized as to which will be most affected by EAB. He recommended further discussion be placed on the June Committee meeting agenda. The Committee agreed.

Adopt-a-Street

The Committee discussed an appropriate time to conduct the spring clean-up of Vicksburg La. N. and agreed upon May 2nd at 5:30 PM at Basswood Elementary.

Adjournment

Joseph Hogeboom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Terri Polski and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
John Bender, Secretary
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Number: 3A



Meeting Date: May 10, 2012

Agenda Heading: Old Business

Agenda Item: 2012 Arbor Day Final Planning

Recommended Committee Action:

Final discussion on the planning of this year's Arbor Day event.

Discussion:

Staff requests a final discussion and review of this year's Arbor Day event. A listing and schedule of all activities planned for that day is attached along with the activity staffing for Committee members. Committee Member Polski completed the passbook booklet (see attached).

Committee Comments:

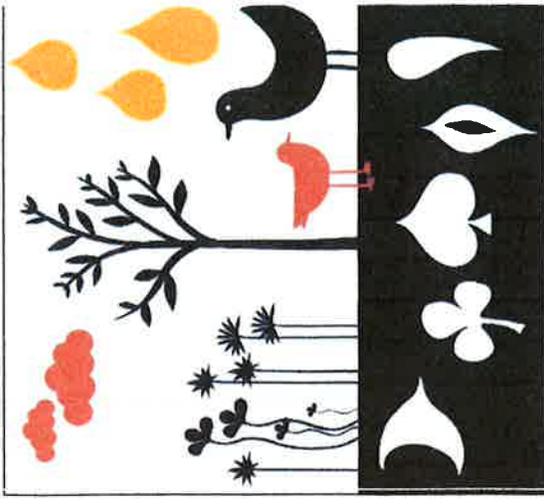
2012 Arbor Day
Activities

Audubon Society
Barb Boulka – Artist
Bird House building – the Home Depot
Emerald Ash Borer and Buckthorn Info – Master Gardeners
Free pots with seeds
How to mulch a tree – Ed Reichow
Landscaping info – Ed Reichow
Rain Garden info – John Bender will be out of town on 05/19 but brochures will be available
Maple Grove Wood Carvers
Passbook Scavenger Hunt (signs at 6 stations)
Smokey the Bear costume and picture taking
Emerald Ash Borer costume and picture taking
The Splatter Sisters Environmental Show (1:00 – 2:00)
Reptile and Amphibian Discovery Zoo (12:00 – 1:00)
U of M Raptor Center (2:00 – 3:00)
Tree Medallions – Michelle Burks
Raffle for free trees – 3 crabapple
Girl Scout Award project
Girl Scout brochure distribution – moving wood
Tree planting demonstration (3:15)
Free tree seedlings
Farmers Market
Refreshments (Caribou and Cub Foods)
Environmental Enhancement Award application

Other Arbor Day Items

- Advertising
 - Flyers will be distributed to elementary school students
 - Osseo – Maple Grove Press article
 - Cable TV 12 segment
 - Signs placed at various locations throughout the City the week before the event.

- All Committee members are asked to assist with setup (starting at 10:00 a.m.) and clean up at the conclusion of the event.



Good Luck!
 (drawing is at 4:00)
 (No need to be present)

Good Job!
 Now, fill out a raffle ticket, put it in the can. You might win the grand prize.

Did you find all the answers? All pages punched?



Snapping



Blanding



Painted

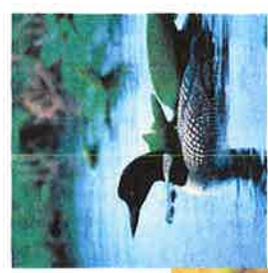
6. Amphibian-Reptile Discovery Zoo
 Which of these turtles are endangered?



Bald Eagle



Robin



Loon

5. Audubon Society
 Which is the State Bird?

3. Master Gardener
 How can you stop invasives from spreading? *check one*

- Stay on path while hiking ___
- Don't move firewood from one location to another. ___

Brush off clothes/shoes/dogs before leaving an area ___

Check boat/trailer to be sure no plants/animals are hitching ride & drain boat of water. ___

All of the above ___

4. Which is the Emerald Ash Borer



What kind of trees do they damage? ___



2. Buckthorn Tree
 How can you identify it?

- It's leaves stay green much longer than others in the fall. **T/F**
- It has large pink flowers in the spring. **T/F**

It has shiny silver-grey bark. **T/F**



1. Rain Gardens
 What is the average annual rainfall for Maple Grove

check one

- 1" - 5"**
- 15" - 50"**
- 200"**



ARBOR DAY

ACTIVITY STAFFING

SET UP 10:00 AM

ACTIVITY	SHIFT 1 (12:00 – 2:00)	SHIFT 2 (2:00 – 4:00)
Tree Seedling Distribution	Joe	Terrie
Tree Medallions	Michelle	Michelle
Passbook Scavenger Hunt Distribution/Entry Box/ Tree Raffle	Terri	Julie
Bird House Building Home Depot's birdhouses (Senior Center) Assist putting together	Ann	Joe
Rain Garden Info	TBD	TBD
Mulch display / landscape info	Ed	Ed
Flower pot / seed distribution	Terrie	Ann
Smokey the Bear /EAB Pictures (no set location) Costume Wearer Assist Smokey/Name writer (12-2:00, 3:00-4:00)	Marie/Matt Julie	Marie/Terri Matt
Buckthorn / EAB info	Marilyn Arnlund	Marilyn Arnlund
Tree planting demonstration (3:15)		TBD
Assist with cleanup 4:00 +		All
Take down signs throughout City (after clean up)		Mary Frank

The above list only includes activities for which Arbor Committee member staffing is required.

27th ANNUAL MAPLE GROVE ARBOR DAY FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 19, 2012

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Maple Grove Community Center

**Make Your Own
Tree Medallions**

12 noon - 1:00

Reptile &
Amphibian
Discovery Zoo

**WAY
COOL!**

**Get Your Picture
Taken With Smokey
The Bear and
Emerald Ash Borer**

**Build Your
Own Bird
House**

1:00 - 2:00
The Splatter Sisters

**Free Tree
Seedlings**

**Free Flower
Pots & Seeds**

2:00 - 3:00
U of M Raptor
Center

**Free Tree
Raffle**

**Audubon
Society**

3:15
Tree Planting
Demonstration

**Free tree and landscaping
information from Master
Gardeners and
professional landscaper**

**Emerald Ash
Borer Info.**

*Check Out
www.ci.maple-grove.mn.us
for more information*

*No school district
funds were used to
produce or copy
this flyer.*



REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Number: 3B

Meeting Date: May 10, 2012

Agenda Heading: Old Business

Agenda Item: New Resident Letter

Recommended Committee Action:

Review and comment.

Discussion:

The latest version of the letter intended to be sent out to new residents will be distributed at the meeting. The letter was intended to be mailed to new residents in March and August. Since we are already into May, I will arrange to have the letter sent out sometime in August. Thank you to Joe Hogeboom for coordinating this correspondence.

Committee Comments:

REQUEST FOR COMMITTEE ACTION

Item Number: 4



Meeting Date: May 10, 2012

Agenda Heading: Area Reports

Agenda Item: Area Reports

Recommended Committee Action:

None.

Discussion:

Attached is an Area Report submitted by Committee Member Marie Digatono and the response from Vern Moening, Superintendent of Parks.

Committee Comments:

AREA REPORT
Maple Grove Arbor Committee

Please use this form to express your concerns, suggestions, and positive comments on things you see taking place in Maple Grove!

Name: Marie Digatono (Required)

Date: 4/12/12

Phone: 763 315 1749 (Please include if responding party has any questions)

Comment: I would like to suggest a revised plan for broad-leaf insecticide spraying in Maple Grove in light of increasing concerns over toxins being sprayed in our public areas, with children and dogs being especially susceptible & primary users of the parks



Comment: _____

Comment: _____

Submit your completed form to Frank Kampel at the monthly Arbor Committee meeting. Area Reports will be submitted to the appropriate City staff/department, and a response will be in a future Arbor Committee agenda packet.

I propose that we go to a maximum of spraying
one ~~time~~ time in four^{five} years. Perhaps the
areas 20' around ball field could refrain
spraying every other year. (also
Many areas around the world are now
(and increasingly) prohibiting use of
chemicals known to be carcinogenic,
including many provinces in Canada.
And areas in Europe
Within a couple of years, measurable
improvements were made in environmental
and human health.



Maple Grove Parks and Recreation

MEMORANDUM

TO: FRANK KAMPEL, ADMIN. ENGINEERING TECH.

FROM: VERN MOENING, SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS *VM*

DATE: May 2, 2012

SUBJECT: HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The current practice of spraying parkland every other year was developed after experimenting with longer intervals (3-4 years) between spraying. By spraying every other year, we are only marginally effective in controlling dandelion and thistle.

The areas scheduled for spraying in July of this year are very yellow this spring. Complaints about dandelions were received from residents near Rice Lake School, Lakeview Knolls, Orchid Lane median, Boundary Creek and Forestview Park so far this spring.

Plymouth sprays their parks each year – some are sprayed twice a year. Brooklyn Park also sprays their parks annually.

VM/jc