

**MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 13, 2022  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 PM**

- Call to Order** The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7:00 p.m.
- Members Present** Chair Mary Parenteau, Vice-Chair Frank Kampel, Sarah Piket, Julie Gamber, Don Varney, Bob Henke, Marilyn Arnlund and Jake Wanek.
- Members Absent** Steve Courtney, Cody Lensing, Mike Aasen
- Also Present** Judy Hanson,  
Joe Hogeboom, Staff Liaison
- Approval of Agenda** Motion Kampel, second Varney to approve the agenda with the additions of Item 5C and Item 6C. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion Piket, second Arnlund to approve the minutes from December 9, 2021, with one modification to clarify reference to the Forest Management Plan. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Oath of Office** Councilmember Hanson administered the Oath of Office to Bob Henke, Mary Parenteau and Jake Wanek.
- Election of Officers** Motion Kampel, second Piket to nominate Mary Parenteau as Chairperson. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Motion Parenteau, second Piket to nominate Frank Kampel as Vice Chairperson. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Motion Parenteau, second Gamber to assign monthly rotating secretarial duties amongst the members. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Old Business**
- 3A – 2022 Committee Goals and Workplan** The Arbor Committee discussed its goals and objections for 2022, which include:
- Draft landscape ordinance updates
  - Implement and actively manage the revised Forest Management Plan
  - Apply for the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant and put it to use

- Update Arbor Committee website to include additional resources and better identify upcoming events
- Organize a city-wide tree planting event

### **3B – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant**

Committee members Parenteau, Kampel, and Aasen continue to work on grant writing. The Committee discussed grant funding being utilized for costs associated with invasive species control in the Forest Preservation Area, re-plantings of native plant material, installation of benches where appropriate, and prairie restoration activities. The grant will be presented to staff to finalize and submit. Hogeboom discussed buckthorn, prickly ash and reed canary grass removal costs have already been included in the city budget, and that those activities could be looked at as a required match for grant funds.

### **3C – Forest Management Plan**

Hogeboom stated that staff has reviewed the Arbor Committee’s proposed amendments to the Forest Management Plan, and intends to present the Plan to the City Council for review and ratification in February.

### **New Business**

#### **4A – 2022 Arbor Day Event**

The 2022 Arbor Day event will be held on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 p.m. at the Maple Grove Community Center. Town Green has been reserved as an alternate outdoor location, should pandemic restrictions or precautions be in place in May.

The Arbor Committee discussed roles and responsibilities for the event, and noted that Pet Garage is no longer in operation.

Staff is to research which items from years prior are available for the event, and will bring those items to the February Arbor Committee meeting for review.

Jesse Corrow submitted an article for the spring City Newsletter that advertises the event.

Julie Gamber will acquire refreshments for the event.

Don Varney will obtain the Smokey the Bear and EAB costumes.

Staff is to look into the tree seedling giveaway item, and the tree raffle item. Staff will also order additional prizes if needed.

The scavenger hunt will be cancelled for 2022.

**4B – 2022 Tree Sale**

This event will continue to be held in the fall. Prior to fall, 2022, Arbor Committee Members will review the species of trees offered for sale and make adjustments if needed.

**4C – Rotary Club and  
Lion’s Club Tree Planting**

Mary Parenteau discussed the Rotary Club and Lion’s Club potential tree planting and fundraising activities, where the groups intend to plant 150 trees throughout the community. It was suggested that focus be given to the trails and open spaces around Arbor Lake, North Arbor Lake and West Arbor Lake.

**Area Reports**

Sarah Piket discussed the Arbor Committee section of the City’s recently redesigned website. Piket pointed out several broken links, as well as information that needed to be updated. Staff will make the corrections to the website.

**Adjournment**

Motion Piket, second Varney to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joe Hogeboom, Staff Representative  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee