

**Forest Preservation
Area Conservation
Easement**

Chairperson Parenteau mentioned that several residents had been writing letters in support of the easement to permanently protect the Forest Preservation Area, staff will provide the letters to the City Council. Kristine Maurer had suggested postponing the discussion since she has not yet received the title search information. Mary requested to staff that the City Council work shop be postponed until April and has not heard back. Staff Liaison Corrow mentioned that he will keep the committee updated on any scheduling changes. Resident letters will continue to be received if a later work shop date is determined.

New Business

2021 Tree Sale

Grove Nursery reported that the inventory of available trees is currently down due to an unusually high demand of trees in 2020. Trees will be replenished in the summer months and it was suggested that the tree sale is postponed until mid/late September. The Arbor Committee agreed that the sale should be postponed to provide a greater selection of trees and that fall is an excellent time to plant trees. Committee Member Arnlund suggested that a notice should be published in the spring newsletter informing residents of the change.

**Rice Lake Elementary
Addition – Landscape
Plan**

Staff Liaison Corrow introduced the project and noted that 14 trees will be removed and the landscape plan proposes only 13 new trees.

- A full site tree inventory is necessary to determine the 20% tree diversity requirement.
- If it is determined that certain tree species exceed the 20% maximum, no additional trees of that species may be added to the site.
- It does not appear there are enough trees on site to meet the Landscape Ordinance requirements. The proposed landscape plans should be revised to include the minimum number of trees.

Staff Liaison Corrow introduced the project and noted that 117 trees are proposed to be removed from the

**Boston Scientific
Parking Lot –
Landscape Plan**

parking lot area and replaced with 148 overstory trees and 76 ornamental trees. The Arbor Committee provided the following comments:

- The applicant must include a tree schedule and indicate tree species of all new trees on the landscape plan.
- The Landscape plan should specifically indicate the number of removed trees and the number of new overstory and new understory trees proposed.
- The landscape ordinance requires that not more than 20 percent of the total number of overstory trees shall be composed of one genus.
- Since the property is located in a T-Zone and a tree inventory of the entire site has not been provided, an accurate assessment of tree diversity cannot be made. The Arbor Committee would like to remind the applicant that a full site tree inventory will be necessary as part of any future building expansion projects.

Area Reports

Committee Member Picket shared that the YourGov app has been replaced with SeeClickFix as an interface to report issues throughout the City. Staff Liaison Corrow plans to demonstrate how to access and use the service at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Cartney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Varney and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Corrow, Staff Representative
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee