MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2021
VIRTUAL ONLINE MEETING
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, Steve Courtney, Julie Gamber, Cody Lensing, Don Varney, Marilyn Arnlund, Bob Henke

Members Absent

Ed Reichow

Also Present

Judy Hanson, Council Liaison
Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison

Approval of Agenda

Henke requested the addition of 3B Spring Tree Sale and Scavenger Hunt.

Motion Varney, second Henke to approve the amended agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Gamber requested the date be changed from December 10th to January 10th. Vice-Chair Kampel requested minor grammatical changes to Item 6A.

Motion Kampel, second Arnlund to approve the amended minutes. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Conservation Easement

Corrow gave a brief update on the discussion on this item held by City Council at the February 1st meeting. Staff will continue work on a more comprehensive proposal that will be presented to City Council later this spring.

Spring Tree Sale and Scavenger Hunt

The Arbor Committee has previously ordered tree seedlings from Wright Soil & Water Conservation District to hand out to attendees at the Arbor Day event. With the cancellation of the event, the committee discussed the possibility of planting the tree seedlings in the city's gravel bed until fall, when they could be handed out as part of the Fall Tree Festival. Corrow confirmed the Spring Newsletter included a notice stating the tree sale has been postponed until Fall.

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New Business

MN DOT – Maple Grove Parkway Landscaping	Corrow presented preliminary information for Phase 2 of the landscape plan at the T.H.94/Maple Grove Parkway Interchange. A more detailed plan will be shared later this spring.

Motion Kampel, second Parenteau to recommend the City Council direct city staff to negotiate a landscaping agreement with MnDOT regarding T.H. 94 and Maple Grove Parkway. Vote all ayes. Motion Carried. |
Ash Tree Treatment Contract	City Council approved proposals from Rainbow Treecare for treatment of ash trees, and YTS Companies for tree removal at the February 1st meeting. Residents will also be offered these services at a reduced rate for trees on their private properties. Corrow confirmed the plan is to treat the northern half of the city in 2021; specifically, North of 694 and East of 94. The southern half of the city will be treated in 2022.
Invasive Plants Letter	Corrow received letter from concerned individual, Mark Basiletti, who has identified multiple species of invasive plants in Maple Grove Arboretum and parks, and recommends the city having them removed. Committee agreed that the female Amur Corktree from the Maple Grove Arboretum should be removed, as well as the Winged Burning Bush. Corrow confirmed he will follow-up with Mr. Basiletti and the Parks Department.
See Click Fix Demonstration	Corrow gave overview of how to use the new application that has replaced YourGOV. Residents can use this reporting tool, which gives city staff the ability to interact with those filing complaint/issue and remedy it as efficiently as possible.
Area Reports	- Lensing identified issue with streetlight north of Hemlock and 694 - Arnlund identified snow pile from Steve's Auto World impacting visibility of nearby intersection - Parenteau stated there are 6 strong candidates for the committee's open term. Interviews will be held next week - Hanson stated City Council recently held workshop for updates to Main Street with WSB. The longevity of trees and foliage in that area were discussed and highlighted as a goal. Arbor Committee will be involved in future plans.

Adjournment

Motion Arnlund, second Courtney to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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