

**Maple Grove Arbor Committee  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2023  
Mayor's Conference Room  
7 p.m.**

<b>Call to Order</b>	The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Chair Parenteau at 7 p.m.
<b>Members Present</b>	Chair Mary Parenteau, Sarah Picket, Cody Lensing, Frank Kampel, Don Varney, Rachael Lamsal, Marilyn Arnlund, Apeckchya Karki and Darleen Lindgren
<b>Members Absent</b>	Bob Henke and Emma Molls
<b>Also Present</b>	Rachelle Johnson, Council Liaison Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
<b>Oath of Office</b>	Chair Parenteau administered the oath of office to Marilyn Arnlund Sarah Picket and new Arbor Committee members Apeckchya Karki and Darleen Lindgren.
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Motion Kampel, second Picket to approve the agenda for March 9, 2023. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	A typo was noted by Kampel. Motion Kampel, second Picket to approve the minutes from February 9, 2023. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>	
<b>Hy-Vee North Funds</b>	<p>Parenteau informed the new committee members why these funds are available and how the Arbor Committee is planning to spend the money. The committee confirmed that they plan to focus on site #1 this year for a tree planting event along with additional tree plantings by a contractor.</p> <p>The committee would like to determine if the soils are appropriate for tree plantings. Corrow will check to see if city staff has the equipment to make this determination. The committee will begin designing a landscape design at its next meeting with plans for the tree planting event to take place in September 2023.</p>

**Arbor Day Event**

The Arbor Committee reviewed the “to do” list and each member discussed the progress that has been made to date. The list will continue to be updated leading up to the event. Picket provided possible designs for the new signs and the committee agreed on one. The 2023 Arbor Day event will be held on Saturday, April 29 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Maple Grove Community Center.

**Buckthorn Eradication Group**

Chair Parenteau provided information on the group’s last meeting. Paul Buck, City Forester in Plymouth, joined the meeting and shared an example of a buckthorn removal project that took 11 years, he also offered other suggestions to the group. Tom Anderson had a good conversation with the mayor about the Buckthorn Eradication Group. Parenteau requested that the Arbor Committee provides a buckthorn informational article in the summer newsletter.

**Area Reports**

Lindgren had questions on the landscape plan review process.

Parenteau recommended that the new Arbor Committee members receive copies of the landscape and T-zone ordinances for their review.

Varney mentioned a newspaper article that discussed how communities are scaling back minimum parking stall requirements. Corrow mentioned that parking numbers have been trending downward in Maple Grove with the flexibility provided by PUD zoning. Johnson noted that new developments are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and that traffic patterns and parking needs are considered for each specific use.

**Adjournment**

Motion Picket, second Kampel to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jesse Corrow, City Planner  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee