

**MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 13, 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, Mike Aasen
- Members Absent** Bob Henke, Ed Reichow
- Also Present** Jesse Corrow, Staff Liaison
Peter Vickerman, Planning Manager
Judy Hanson, City Council Liaison
- Approval of Agenda** Piket requested the addition of 3E Landscape Process.

Motion Arnlund, second Kampel to approve the amended agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion Courtney, second Piket to approve the minutes from April 8, 2021. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.
- Old Business**
- T-Zone Ordinance Update** Vickerman explained some minor changes that had been made to the proposed ordinance since it was last discussed in March. Per Arnlund’s suggestion, staff had clarified that wetland and flood plain areas will not count towards calculated area preservation requirements. Corrow changed the deadline for landscape inspections since it has caused issues in the past. Staff also clarified replacement standards for tree removal on single-family lots. Council would like to see the final proposed text amendments in June.

Parenteau stated that residential developments proposing to retain 55% or more of tree cover should still be required to submit a tree inventory. Vickerman agreed.
Committee also discussed simplifying T-Zone information for homeowners on the new city website.

Parking Lot Subcommittee

The Parking Lot Subcommittee is currently sorting through information and working on a comprehensive master spreadsheet to support future committee recommendations. Summarizing this technical information has already helped the city make other decisions. Ultimately, the goal is drafting this research to help create new ordinances.

Conservation Easement Discussion

Corrow stated that a formal recommendation had been submitted to City Council following the meeting with Director Hogeboom last month. The next step will be participating in a work session. This will most likely occur in June.

Arbor Day Event

The DNR has decided that all communities will be required to issue an Arbor Day proclamation. It can take place at any time during the year, and a celebration is optional. Corrow suggested this coincide with the Fall Tree Celebration.

Landscape Process

Piket would like to review the current process. After feedback is given, she would like to discuss it at the next meeting even though the memo has already been submitted. This way everyone can be on the same page and still facilitate some group discussion.

Corrow proposed all comments be combined in one document and shared with the group via email. He will also work to give committee members more time for landscape review in general by sending out plans further in advance.

New Business

Maple Grove Days Parade

Parenteau applied for this event. Arbor Committee will know by the end of May whether the application is accepted or not.

Area Reports

- Resource shared by Hennepin County allowing residents to estimate monetary value of their trees.
- Parenteau spoke with student doing a dissertation on tree cover in Twin Cities. She is very impressed with the Arbor Committee and would like to discuss research.
- Kampel asked if city staff can follow-up with Public Works on re-grading the parking lot, and a broken traffic light on Hemlock Lane.
- Arnlund asked about right-of-way work. Every time it's done in her neighborhood, they leave the area a mess.

Adjournment

Motion Arnlund, second Varney to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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