

**MAPLE GROVE ARBOR COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 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
Judy Hanson, City Council Liaison

Approval of Agenda Parenteau requested the addition of 3C Landscape Review Process.

Arnlund requested the addition of 4A EAB Banner.

Motion Gamber, second Piket to approve the amended agenda. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes Kampel requested minor change to how a sentence was worded.

Motion Varney, second Kampel to approve the amended minutes from May 13, 2021. Vote all ayes. Motion passed.

Old Business

Conservation Easement Update

Parenteau explained that the council had voted against pursuing the conservation easement. Hanson explained that the perpetuity piece swayed her vote. That was always her main concern and she didn't want to encumber the land with an irreversible easement. Since a lot of this land is wetland, she believes it's very unlikely that they will build on it or change the use in the future. The mayor has also agreed to work with Hennepin County to update the management plan for this land.

Piket stated that it was disappointing to not achieve the outcome they were hoping for, but it was good to see the

mayor interested in partnering with the county on management restoration work.

Parenteau stated that there was a lot of misinformation at the workshop and disagreed with the argument that a majority of the land is wetland. The Westwood Study reported that 200 acres are woodland, 100 acres are wetland, 20 acres are upland meadows, and 7 acres are driveway. Parenteau expressed that it was frustrating because it felt like the committee did not have the opportunity to discuss this with the council at the workshop.

Varney expressed his concerns with the land being under the jurisdiction of the Public Works department. He believed this to be atypical, and was worried they do not actually care about the land. He expressed that no one wanted to step up and take responsibility for the land. Courtney agreed.

The committee agreed that this issue could be remedied by hiring a city forester. They also agreed that the next step is to review the existing management plan.

Maple Grove Parade

Corrow announced that the committee has officially been accepted into the parade. The committee began planning their float.

Landscape Review Process

The committee discussed having in person meetings in the near future, and then they will be able to start reviewing landscaping plans together.

New Business

EAB Banner

Arlund had used grant funds to purchase banners for Ash Trees in the past. There are still more that need to be hung up, so she asked each member to take 10 of the banners and hang them up on ash trees around the city.

Area Reports

Adjournment

Motion Arlund, second Piket to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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