

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011

12 NOON

Present: Chase, Ellison, Hall, LaWarre (arrived at 12:37 p.m.) and Reagan.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Dave Pasquale, Dan DesJarden and Greg Pierce.

Hall moved, Reagan supported to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING. Pasquale noted that the applications deadlines for the Lowell Area Community Fund and LCTV Endowment Fund was Friday, April 15. The Board determined to apply for \$25,000 to the Lowell Area Community Fund and \$15,000 to the LCTV Endowment Fund for trees.

Item #2. SPRING PLANTINGS AND MAINTENANCE.

- Ten plus trees (\$2500) will be planted at the Fairgrounds. Regarding trees at the 500 block of West Main, the DPW is checking with the State.
- The DPW will handle the Library tree maintenance in May.

Item #3. ARBOR DAY PREPARATIONS. Arbor Day will be observed on Friday, April 29 at noon. A tree is to be planted at the Fairground by Horrock's. Chase will provide an Arbor Day articles to the Lowell Ledger.

Several posters were received. After a review, the Boardmembers selected the purplish Stoney Lakeside Park photo submitted by Dorene Zakem for the \$50 prize.

Ads for the Biggest Tree contest will be coordinated with the Harvest Festival.

Horrock's will work with the Fairgrounds to provide a suitable Arbor Day tree.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS. Reagan mentioned that King Milling is not interested in moving the old mill equipment by the parking lot on the south side to make room for a new Christmas tree. It is an historic site and King Milling said it is too expensive to move this equipment.

During discussion, the Boardmembers were informed that a 20 foot pine Christmas tree would cost \$2,395. If the existing tree were trimmed every three years, the cost is \$450-575 per year.

In reviewing the plaques, the circumference of the tree should be checked. There should be no Latin term and provide lower level case lettering.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2011 at 12 noon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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Dana Chase, Chair

David M. Pasquale, Secretary