

ARBOR BOARD OF LOWELL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008  
12 NOON

Present: Chase, Hall, LaWarre and Reagan (arrived at 12:26 p.m.)

Absent: Shores.

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

Hall moved, LaWarre supported to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2008 meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

Item #1. FALL / SPRING TREE PLANTINGS. DPW Director Dan DesJarden noted that 49 of the 57 trees to be planted have been completed. Nine of 17 planned trees on North Washington Street were planted.

DesJarden said the City can't comply with Kent County Road Commission rules regarding planting trees in the public right of way. The Michigan Department of Transportation regulations are dependent on the road speeds.

Greg Pratt stated the Lowell Area Schools would graciously accept trees planted on school property in the City. He will propose sites.

Item #2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED BUDGET. The following 2009 proposed budget was reviewed.

Projected Revenues:

LCTV per capital contributions for Tree City Designation	\$8,000.00
Various Foundation contributions	20,000.00
Tree / Stump removals – City / LL&P contributions	2,500.00
Total:	<u>\$30,500.00</u>

Projected Expenses:

75 trees at \$300.00	\$22,500.00
Maintenance / Fertilization	2,000.00
Arbor Day Celebration / Big Tree Contest	1,500.00
Advertising / Publication / Plaques / Printing	750.00
Professional Services (Engineering, Etc.)	1,500.00
Website Development	500.00
Misc. mulch, dirt	1,750.00
Total:	<u>\$30,500.00</u>

In noting that the budget is grant dependent, the Boardmembers approved by consensus.

Item #3. CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING. An article will be run in the Lowell Ledger encouraging Christmas tree recycling and buying “real” trees.

Item #4. OTHER BUSINESS.

- Thank you for placing the Arbor Day plaque at Unity High School.
- Biggest tree plaques are in the works.

Hall asked if trees could go to any City resident. Yes, but dependent on grant funding.

The City reapplied for Tree City USA status.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009 at 12 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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Dana Chase, Chair

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David M. Pasquale, Secretary