

DEXTER VILLAGE TREE BOARD

February 21, 2012

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 am at the Village Offices, 8123 Main Street.

Present: Bishop, Hansen, Coy, Henes, Peters

Absent: None

Approval of the Minutes- Moved Coy, support Peters to approve the April 13, 2011 minutes as presented.
Motion Carried

Citizens wishing to Address the Board – None

Public Hearings - None

Pre Arranged Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission - None

Reports and Communication

Chair – No report

Tree Board members – No Report

Community Development Manager – Report includes items on agenda for discussion.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission - None

Old Business - None

New Business

- A. **2012 Tree Planting Species offerings** – The Board discussed past species offering and considering the context of other tree species in the planting area being considered. The Board discussed consideration to texture of the species, such as leaf size as it relates to the amount of light that travels through the crown of the tree; broad leafed trees versus small leafed trees. Staff to put together inventory of past tree species offerings to consider annually when selecting species offerings. The Board determined the following species to be offered for the 2012 Spring Planting – Sugar Maple-Green Mountain (*Acer saccharum*); Magyar Ginkgo (male) (*Ginkgo biloba*); Thornless Honeylocust (Skyline) (*Gleditsia triacanthos*); Japanese Zelkova (Greenvase) (*Zelkova serrata*); Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*). Tree order form expected to go out in upcoming newsletter.
- B. **2012 Spring Planting Location Selection** – The Board discussed planting along Dan Hoey Road and attempting to street line around the school property from the cemetery east to the schools. The Board selected 3 London Plane trees and 3 Hackberry trees for installation in this area given the context of the area. The Board also determined that due to much of the major thoroughfares being completed in accordance with the Tree Management Plan that the next area of focus would be Kensington Street due to the recent reconstruction, significant street tree voids and the most impact due to the traffic circulation related to the schools. Planting trees in this area and drawing attention to Arbor Day also has the largest impact due to the visibility. Approximately 9 trees will be planted along Kensington with the species and locations to be determined following a site visit by the Board.
- C. **2012 Arbor Day Celebration Planning** – The Board discussed having an event similar to last year including coordinating with the Dexter Library story times, offering seedlings to be given away at the Dexter Library and Dexter Mill, coordinating spring tree plantings with Arbor Day week, installing the banner, placing signs and ribbons at all trees planted in honor of Arbor Day, placing the display board at the Library, Board member Hansen to create a coloring page to hand out that has tree education, adding information in the newsletter, and providing information on the importance of trees along with the seedling distribution. Board members and staff to coordinate on Arbor Day, Friday, April 27, 2012.

- D. **Dexter Ann Arbor Road New Planting Pruning** – Board members to get together to complete early tree pruning/early management of trees planted over the last few years, including Dexter Ann Arbor Road and others as necessary. Staff to prepare notice in newsletter to notify residents that they may see qualified volunteers pruning street trees in March and April.
- E. **Draft Bid for 2012 and 2013 Tree Planting Services** – The Board reviewed the draft bid included in the packet and requested a few amendments including tree selection at the contractors yard, contractor shall call for inspection of planting hole prior to backfilling the tree pit and requesting quantity pricing to determine species selection based on costs. 8 tree species to be included in bid to plan to 2 year contract and different species offerings and to include tree species selected for Dan Hoey Road planting. Species for under overhead utilities also included for pricing if necessary based on resident participation. Bid anticipated to go out by weeks end with bids due back by March 6th for Council approval of contract at the March 12th meeting.

Proposed Business for Next Agenda

- A. Next Meeting –March 20, 2012 at 9 am
- B. Arbor Day Planning
- C. Annual Work Plan
- D. Spring Tree Planting Follow up
- E. Landscaping Ordinance Review
- F. Survival Techniques
- G. Bylaw Review and Elections (July)

Citizens Wishing To Address the Commission - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Bishop, AICP
Community Development Manager

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