

DEXTER VILLAGE TREE BOARD

March 27, 2012

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 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 February 21, 2012 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 – Hansen and Henes reported that they were able to complete trimming along Dexter Ann Arbor Road. They will focus on the trimming along Dan Hoey Road within the next month.

Community Development Manager – Report includes items on agenda for discussion. Informed that the Village Council approved the 2012/2013 Tree Planting Award for Ann Arbor Landscaping. Bishop also provided the annual species offering spreadsheet requested by the Board.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Commission - None

Old Business - None

New Business

- A. **2012 Spring Planting Location Selection and Resident Participation Update** – The Board discussed planting 6-7 trees along Kensington Street and 8-9 trees along Dan Hoey Road. Central Street was discussed however the Board moved to focus the street tree planting as planned and wait for planting along Central Street until the road project is completed in order to evaluate the site conditions.
- B. **2012 Arbor Day Celebration Planning** – Board members and staff to coordinate on Arbor Day, Friday, April 27, 2012. Focus next year to be on tornado anniversary. Volunteers signed up to hand out information and seedlings at Dexter Library, Library story times to focus on trees, presentation board to be taken to library for display.
- C. **Article 8 Landscaping Standards** – staff provided a draft of the recommended amendments to Article 6, landscaping Standards. The Tree Board discussed briefly and provided comments on names and spelling that will be corrected by staff.
 - a. Moved Henes, support Coy to recommend the amendments to Article 6.
- D. Tornado Clean up and restoration recommendation – The tree Board discussed use of the restricted tree fund to assist with the tornado clean up and restoration efforts. The Village lost approximately 35 large street trees and damage to trees within Huron Farms to be determined. The Tree Board discussed waiting on making recommendations for time of replacement (fall 2012 or spring 2013) in order to allow time for cleanup activities to be completed. The Tree Board will consider species recommendations at a later date as well. The Tree Board does not recommend purchasing large trees because the survival rate is significantly less and there is no noticeable difference in growth rate over a 10 year period. The tree Board also discussed the free trees offered by local attorney Tricia Terry. The Tree Board will check with Tricia in the spring to see if there are trees remaining and possibly offer those trees for the spring resident street tree planting. Potential grant funding was also briefly discussed. Staff will report back to the Tree Board upon receipt of

information from the State. Kevin Sayers from the State has indicated that they are considering revising the Village's current DTE Tree Planting grant to provide more funds for tree replacement.

Proposed Business for Next Agenda

- A. Next Meeting –April 17, 2012 at 9 am (tentative)
- B. Arbor Day Planning
- C. Annual Work Plan
- D. Survival Techniques

Citizens Wishing To Address the Commission - None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Bishop, AICP
Community Development Manager

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