

GROSSE POINTE PARK

BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2019

LOCATION: City Hall Courtroom

01. CALL TO ORDER:

Kim Clexton called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

02. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Kim Clexton, Matt Chunn, Dee Cimini, Brian Colter, Pat Deck, Trevor Dinka, Armen Gulian, Lisa Kyle, Shellie Hansen, Barbara Miller, Laura Orme, Janet Peplin and City Council member Lauri Read.

EXCUSED:

Bill Balance

03. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY:

The motion was made by the commission to approve the minutes with corrections. The Motion was made first by Lauri Read and seconded by Barbara Miller.

Section: 8B. The second sentence was taken out of the original minutes.

04. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS:

A. Report on meeting with Mayor Denner:

Kim Clexton met with Mayor Denner on January 28th. They discussed adding three new members to the commission.

B. Status of Commission Appointees:

Brad Etheridge, Jennifer Munson and Kathrine Paquette will be invited to attend the next Beautification meeting on March 6th. If they agree to join the commission, they will be formally appointed by Mayor Denner on March 11th at the City Council meeting.

C. Report on communication with Nick Sizeland:

Kim Clexton has a meeting scheduled with Nick Sizeland to update him on events and dates.

05. CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

06. PUBLICITY:

A. Publicity needs/concerns:

Lauri Read let the commission know that the City website is being redone.

B. Lauri Read – website:

Lauri Read, City Council member, let the commission know that she is working with the

city webmaster to keep up with commission meetings.

07. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Arbor Week – Pat Deck:

Pat Deck let the commission know that she will be calling the participating schools to get a count of students. Pat will then drop off the poster boards for the Arbor week contest to be judged on April 11th.

B. Spring Plant Exchange – Dee Cimini:

Dee Cimini confirmed that the exchange will take place on May 18th at 9:30am to 11:00am. There is an article in the Communicator with the information. It will also be on the City website. Dee Cimini and Armen Gulian will be preparing a project for the children who attend the event. Armen is contacting a face painter. Brian Colter is printing the flyers. Several commissioners volunteered to distribute the flyers.

C. Beautification Award:

The 2018 Beautification Award winners were pictured in the spring issue of the Communicator. Janet Peplin will be working on the nomination folders.

08. FORESTRY REPORT:

A. Historical Elm & Ash loss Report:

Brian Colter, City Forester, talked to the commission as well as passed around three Graphs showing the loss of both Elm and Ash trees in Grosse Pointe Park. The Elm graph showed losses since 1952 to 2018. The Ash graph showed losses since 2002 to 2018.

09. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Holiday Awards – Pat Deck & Barbara Miller:

Pat Deck let the commission know that all of the Holiday Award certificates have been finished and posted by both her and Barbara Miller. The Communicator listed the award addresses.

B. Mayors Monarch Butterfly Pledge – Lisa Kyle:

Lisa Kyle let the commission know that the Mayors Monarch Butterfly Pledge has been completed. The city committed to eight tasks and fifteen were completed. Patterson Park is now a (NWF) Certified Wildlife Habitat. A plaque was issued to Grosse Pointe Park from the National Wildlife Foundation. Lisa thanked the commissioners for all their help in completing the tasks and the continued planting of “milkweed”. Lisa wrote an article for the BCSEM news letter. Pat Deck asked Lisa Kyle, if she would attend the April 10th BCSEM/KMB meeting with the plaque and speak a little bit on Monarch Butterflies.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm. The motion was first made by Trevor Dinka and seconded by Pat Deck. The adjournment motion was approved by the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Shellie Hansen, recording secretary of the Grosse Pointe Park Beautification Commission.

Shellie Hansen

NEXT MEETING:

The next Beautification Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in the City Hall Courtroom at 7:30pm.