

# THE PLAN COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2018

1. The regularly scheduled meeting of the Plan Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Letarte introduced Linda Suwalski to the Plan Commission at this time.

A quorum was present. Chairman Patricia Letarte, Daniel Particelli, Teresa Badillo, Mike Rickert, Alma Montenegro, Linda Suwalski, Elyse Vukelich (Planner), Nick Walny (Planner), and Lisa Manzo (Plan Secretary). Absent: William Thorn.

2. Member Badillo made a motion to accept the minutes of June 27, 2018 as presented. Member Rickert seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. New Business: Presentation by Mark Weber, Staff Engineer, on Crystal Creek Letter of Floodplain Map Revision

Mark Weber gave a very detailed presentation to the members at this time. His power point presentation gave the members an inside look and overview of the flood map for the Village. He stated that the flood map is in the process of final revision and will be updated by December 7, 2018.

What this means is that there will be 347 parcels removed from the flood plain and six properties that were in the floodway. This is huge for the residents of the Village. The revised map will then be on display at Village Hall.

Mr. Weber then gave a presentation to the members on the Voluntary Flood Buyout Program for 32 total properties on Lee Street in Franklin Park. This is 100% voluntary to those residents. There will be two appraisals based on the 2013 flood event property values. Mr. Weber gave each member an informational leaflet to peruse displaying those properties and the pertinent contact information if they or any residents would have any questions. Callers with questions would go to the Cook County Land Bank Authority.

Mr. Weber continued that engineering staff is working on a mailer to send to the residents giving a full explanation of the Lee Street Buyout Program. The mailer will be created in English, Spanish and Polish.

The members thanked Mr. Weber for his informative presentation and sharing his time with us.

5. Old Business: a. Discussion of potential tree locations.

The members discussed potential tree locations within the Village limits. Chairman Letarte asked the members if they have any other locations in mind to plan trees, or to please think of more needed locations. Member Suwalski stated that she was on the Tree Commission and that there is a list of potential locations that were summarized and handed in to Andy Smolen. Chairman Letarte asked if he would be able to provide a copy to staff and the members for the next meeting. Member Letarte also asked to move this agenda item to the next meeting as well for further discussion. So moved.

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b. Discussion of draft tree leaflet.

There was discussion of the sample leaflet called “Benefits of Trees”. Elyse was kind enough to research and generate this leaflet to hand out to the members to see if they like the layout, style and content of this leaflet. It contains pertinent information relative to the economic, social, communal and environmental benefits to having trees within the Village limits. She asked the members to peruse this leaflet and report back any information to include.

Chairman Letarte then discussed the “Forever Green Leaflet”. She mentioned that the members should take some time out and peruse this leaflet as well to possibly add or remove some information. This leaflet includes a question/answer section along with a “Did you know?” section that could benefit and inform residents on tree growth and development.

Chairman Letarte respectfully requested that this item on the agenda be tabled and moved to the next Plan Commission meeting as well. Chairman also asked if Andy can be invited to join the members at the next meeting for additional input and questions.

6. Staff Update: Introduction to Landscape Ordinances

Mr. Walny discussed introducing the members to starting preliminary review of a potential Landscape Ordinance for the Village. This will be done in stages. The Landscape Ordinance will be an addition to the new Zoning Code. Mr. Walny stated that the Village does not have a Landscape Ordinance and it would be beneficial for the Village to have one as that it would make the Village aesthetically pleasing, especially with more and more new developments being built in the Village. It is more binding.

Mr. Walny distributed three Landscape Ordinances to the members to peruse and report back any ideas, findings, comments and suggestions. The Village is looking for input.

7. Member Rickert made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Plan Commission. It was seconded by Member Badillo. The motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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