

TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY

March 19th , 2024

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation was called to order at 6:01 p.m. at the Village of Franklin Park Police Station, Community Room, located at 9451 W. Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131

Member Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Tree Preservation Commission Members Joan Ambo, Jennifer Costa, Les Grahn, Ramona Michael and Sylvia Noth

Bee City Committee Members Mary Smolen, Monika Surovych

Absent: Katarina Modrich

Also Present: Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD) Andrew Smolen and Trustee Karen Special.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MARCH 19th , 2024 MINUTES

Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Ambo to approval March 19th , 2024, regular schedule meeting minutes.

BUSINESS

Member Michael explained that updates were made to the Village of Franklin Park's website in regard Bee Committee. SFPFP Smolen reported that East Leyden speaker event was a success with six invited speakers:

- a. Varak Bosnoian, CRTI Stewardship Coordinator from The Morton Arboretum
- b. Pete Soltesz: Cook/Dupage Beekeepers Association, Bees The Cook-DuPage Beekeepers Association
- c. Nasser Rafidia: Village of Franklin Park, Utilities Department - Sewer and Water Division, on the importance of water
- d. Carol Elkins Great Lakes Region Ambassador Xerces Society (Bee City USA) The Xerces Society of Invertebrate Conservation
- e. Elli Coski, Senior Project Manager at Metro Strategies Group
- f. Paul Filary Kramer Care for Trees

Members Smolen, Suryovich, Michael and SFPFD Smolen attended the Village of Addison's Women's Club invitation to provide them with information regarding beehives in the community and other headways. There were forty participants.

Dates were determined for different events the committee will participate in through the Village and the Park District.

Members reviewed and discussed half of the Tree Committee 5-year goals and future expectations; the rest to be reviewed in the upcoming regular scheduled board meeting.

Member Michael stated that upon agreement, the mission statement for the Bee Committee will be posted on the Village of Franklin Park's website.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Michael reached out to the Franklin Park Library on behalf of the Bee Committee to host a Bee Committee event for the community. The event date will be July 15th, 2024, for half an hour, followed by a half hour craft or storytime from library staff.

SFPFD Smolen announced that member Monica Suryovich will be the beekeeper for the Village of Franklin Park's beehives.

Member Costa announced that she will not be renewing her oath to continue to sit on the Tree Commission Board. Costa's last meeting will be April 16th, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

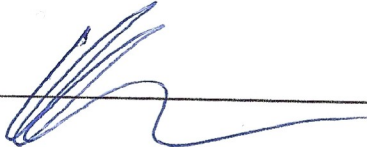
None

ADJOURNMENT

7:47 p.m.

Approval

Signature: _____



Date: _____

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