

**TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY**

**June 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation was called to order at 7:00 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: Members Joan Ambo, Jennifer Costa, Les Grahn, Ramona Michael and Sylvia Noth

Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD) Andrew Smolen, IT/Communication Director of Franklin Park Dan Corcoran and resident Cordelia Costa were also present.

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MAY 16, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Costa to approval May 16, 2023, regular schedule meeting minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

SFPFD Smolen introduced Dan Corcoran the IT/Communication Director. Director Corcoran displayed the Village website site and informed the committee different options on how the committee can connect with the public. Director Corcoran suggested having a Tree Preservation Committee logo, member Ambo stated she will investigate and possibly design it. It was also explained that through the "contact us" section of the website, residents can request a tree. The website can be built and updated regularly.

Member Ambo went into detail on "sign up genius" on how the website is used. Residents can scan a QR code that would directly link to the different trees available. More details will be discussed at a later date.

SFPFD Smolen informed the committee that Morton Arboretum and LKQ Corporation planted 16 trees at North Park and 4 trees at Iceland Park on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

SFPFD Smolen discussed an upcoming career fair hosted by the Chicagoland Region Tree Initiative (CRTI) that will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup> between 2-5pm at Thatcher Woods.

He also informed that the Chicagoland Region Tree Initiative will host a tree advocacy workshop on Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30p.m. at South Suburban College in South Holland.

Leyden High School reached out to SFPFD Smolen with the interest of hosting a sustainability education event in early fall.

On World Bee Day on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>, Member Costa and SFPFD Smolen explained it is an annual event the Village of Franklin Park hosts and it was decided that the Tree Committee can educate residents on which trees are food sources for the honeybee.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SFPFD Smolen visited Countryside Village Hall, which is a Net Zero building.

He informed the committee that the Chicago Region of Tree Initiative will be pruning trees that were recently planted in the Reuter Subdivision.

A grant that was given to the Village of Franklin Park from the Illinois Urban and Forestry Grant back in 2021 has been spent. Another grant was given to the Village of Franklin Park by the CRTI for \$2000, this will be used to employ workers to water the newly planted trees.

A Boy Scout looking to receive his Eagle Scout will be building two benches for Morton Arboretum.

SFPFD Smolen expressed that there is an incase of tree planting requests.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

8:19 p.m.

Approval  
Signature:

 Date: 7/18/2023