

**TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY  
August 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation was called to order at 6:04 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

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF JULY 18, 2023 MINUTES**

Motion by Member Ambo, second by Member Noth to approval July 18, 2023 regular schedule meeting minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Member Michael and member Ambo met with SFPFD Smolen and IT Dan Corcoran to discuss the Tree Preservation Commission link to the Village of Franklin Park's website. Member Ambo displayed to the committee how that website will look like.

**Presentation/Approval of Village of Franklin Park website link.**

Motion by Member Noth, second Member Grahn to approve the link of the Tree Preservation Committee on the Village of Franklin Park's website.

Member Michael, Member Ambo and SFPFD Smolen attended Evanston's restoration project in Harbert-Payne Park, they explained the usage of labels on the trees and liked the idea.

Member Michael and Member Ambo attended the Monarch Festival and Environmental Resource Fair in Hanover Park.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Twelve organizations will be attending the second annual World Honeybee Day. SFPFD Smolen expresses that the event may be renamed next year to "Pollinator Day"

A map and labels were suggested for the John Mazur Arboretum to help identify the different species of trees and where they are located.

The grassy lot east of the police station will be planted with some trees and pollinators.

The discussion of a fundraiser for rain barrels will be addressed at a later date.

More information needs to be gathered and then discussed for the Village of Franklin Park becoming a "Bee City USA".

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A discussion for cutting down trees was held, the Village of Glenview has a tree standard manual and a permit/fee is needed for cutting down trees. This will help prevent healthy trees from being destroyed.

Member Michael discussed a podcast in regard to cicadas and how they can potentially harm the trees when they emerge next year from being dormant.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:24 p.m.

Approval

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Michael", written over a horizontal line.

Date:

A handwritten date in black ink, "September 19th/21", written over a horizontal line.