

**TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY
October 17, 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

ALSO PRESENT Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD) Andrew Smolen, Trustee Karen Special

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF. SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 MINUTES

Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Ambo to approval September 19th, 2023 regular schedule meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

A sub-committee from the Tree Preservation Committee will be formed to create the Bee City Committee.

Member Ambo presented some different ideas for the website and stated that there is a need for some improvements.

Member Michael informed the committee that the NASA tree application has been submitted. The committee discussed the possible ideas for an ordinance to be set in place for the protection of planted trees. Trustee Special suggested instead of an ordinance perhaps adjusting the procedures at the time of applying for a permit for tree removal. The topic will be discussed further.

Member Costa stated that the Seed Swap will be held at the Community Center February 17, 2024, also the possibility of having a Master Gardener at the event to answer questions.

Different social media ideas were shared to try and have community involvement, a possible question is "Where is the oldest tree".

The committee began discussing ideas for the Leyden High School presentation in the spring, possible at Budburst and local tree keepers to present.

NEW BUSINESS

SFPFD Smolen explained that on November 14th there will be a zoom meeting with the Chicago Region Tree Initiative to discuss the CRTI grants.

Member Ambo presented grant information about America in Bloom, this grant beautifies that landscape around the railroad track. SFPD Smolen will discuss this grant with the engineering department.

Member Grahn will be reviewing all grants materials.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Informational door tags from the Chicago Region of Trees that explain how to care for trees will be ordered.

SFPFD Smolen contacted Ball Seed Company to inquire about seed donations for the upcoming seed swap.

Memorial Tree Program, trees will be planted by the Village of Franklin Park on parkways to honor or memorize someone. These trees will include tree care manuals.

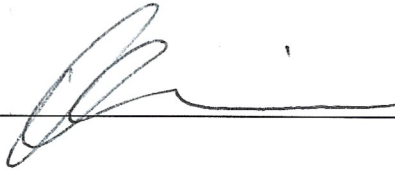
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

7:50 p.m.

Approval
Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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