

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

**April 16th, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation was called to order at 6:06 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 Katarina Modrich, Mary Smolen

Absent: Monika Surovych

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

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 MINUTES**

Motion by Member Ambo, second by Member Gran to approval March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular schedule meeting minutes.

Member Smolen was elected as the secretary to replace Member Costa. Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Ambo.

**BUSINESS**

Member Michael and Member Ambo introduced new revised goals to the committee to review.

The committee discussed different ideas for various events that will be in the near future; Earth Day April 20<sup>th</sup>, Pollinator Day May 15<sup>th</sup> - fifteen different organizations were invited, Arbor Day April 27<sup>th</sup> tree planting on Cullerton Avenue, Railroad Days June 8<sup>th</sup> the committee will pass out native seeds. The Bee Committee will be hosting an event at the library on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Different platforms were discussed on how to advertise for these events

The Tree Board logo will possibly be selected by a contest.

Member Michael reached out to the Village of Franklin Park's lawyer to discuss the compliance of the Open Meetings Act.

The Bee Committee and mission statement is not as yet included in the Village of Franklin Park Tree Board webpage.

SFPFD Smolen updated the board regarding different grants the Village has applied for. He also stated that painting of the Franklin Avenue windows for Earth Day will not be able to happen this year, but most likely next year.

**OTHER BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Member Michael inquired regarding having a Fall Seminar hosted by the Tree and Bee Board at the Police Department's meeting room.

SFPFD Smolen informed the board that the ComEd grant will be finalized by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

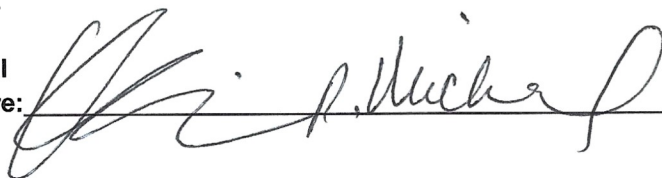
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:15 p.m.

Approval  
Signature:



Date: 5/21/2024