

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON
DECEMBER 17, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Village of Franklin Park Police Station, community room, located at 9451 W. Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131

Member Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:03pm

ROLL CALL

Tree Preservation Members Les Grahn, Kayla Fahey, Ramona Michael, Joan Ambo

Absent: Sylvia Noth

Bee Committee members Mary Ellen Smolen , Katarina Modrich

Absent: Monika Suryovich

Also Present: Andrew Smolen Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD); Trustee Karen Special; Village Clerk April Arellano.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15th, 2024

Motion by member Smolen, seconded by Member Fahey to approve October 15th, 2024 regular schedule meeting minutes.

BUSINESS

1. SFPFD Smolen reported trees planted in 2024: 215 Trees were planted in 2024 - 81 at the WMRA ball and burlap (IRA grant will reimburse), 54 b&B diversified throughout FP totalling 135; Morton Arboretum donated - 80 trees, 39 planted at Cullerton for Arbor Day, 18 planted at 98-9900, 2 at 9660 Franklin, 19 at E. Leyden on Addison.
2. Member Michael contacted Amelia Tulod with the Franklin Park Library. We are looking at the second quarter for a collaboration between the Tree/Bee Board and the library. The hour-long presentation will be divided between tree board and bee board, for Bee City eligibility, covering tree care and pollinator friendly plants. Evening programs are more successful.
3. The board discussed holding a school presentation at one of the village schools with speakers such as Brandie Dunn from Xerces as a possible presenter for the younger kids. It was agreed to focus on a presentation for younger students. It was discussed alternating the presentations between the Leyden H.S. one year and the elementary and middle schools the next.
Students and teachers alike enjoy the Fall window painting event, so another painting event to promote Arbor Day or Green Day in the spring may be arranged.
4. The Tree board will participate at the seed swap on February 8th, 2025, from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm. Member Michael suggested keeping some seed since we give away seed packets at other events. Village Clerk Arellano will hold another Franklin Park Walks event promoting the Grand Avenue Corridor. This walk would begin at the Franklin Park

Library and end at the Arboretum on Grand Avenue. The event is tentatively scheduled for May 17, 2025, with Tree and Bee Boards participating.

Member Ambo recapped upcoming 2025 events schedule and the need for early planning: 1. Discuss partnering rather than stand alone events 2. Plan out a calendar of 2025 events. For the seed swap to focus on native plant seeds and winter sowing; Arbor Day to talk about trees; Pollinator Day to hold a used garden tool swap. Grant application discussion was postponed.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Tree Commission tablecloth purchase order with a logo was received.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:16 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member Smolen seconded by Member Fahey

Approval

Signature:

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Date:

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