



VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK

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FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK AND INTERESTED PARTIES THAT A MEETING OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS WILL BE HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 21st, 2023. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK POLICE STATION, COMMUNITY ROOM, LOCATED AT 9451 W. BELMONT AVENUE, FRANKLIN PARK, ILLINOIS 60131.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND. THE FOLLOWING MATTERS MAY BE DISCUSSED OR DECIDED AT THE MEETING:

<p style="text-align: center;">AGENDA NOVEMBER 21st, 2023</p>
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- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. REPORT FROM VILLAGE BOARD LIAISON**
- IV. APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF OCTOBER 17, 2023 MINUTES**
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 1. SFPFD Smolen began the Bee City USA application, and proposed committee members' names were forwarded to Village Attorney. Upon approval, committee members will : Andrew Smolen, Jennifer Costa, Monika Suryovich, Katarina Modrich, Mary Smolen, and Emir Salkic.
 2. SFPFD Smolen: Grants update
 3. Tree Preservation Committee website link review and updates, comments, suggestions to add to website: What and where is the oldest tree in Franklin Park? Ask residents to submit tree picture and location to SFPFD Smolen
 4. Continued discussion: Creating a Tree Preservation Ordinance for the protection of planted trees, all landmark trees in Franklin Park, including on private property.
Example Ordinance Templates: Determine Village of Franklin Park's 'level'.
How to enforce Ordinance and adjust it to VOFP relevancy.
Review ordinance Templates <https://chicagorti.org/program/tree-ordinance-templates/>

5. Continued: Seed Swap February 10th, 2024 11-12:30 PM event needs:
Seed envelopes
Determine timely dates for posting of event in Polish and Spanish in social media, VOFP Library, and a VOFP website reminder of event date.
6. Add to the webpage a Short paragraph regarding Metropolitan Mayors Caucus report on climate change: What steps are we taking? What more can we do?
7. Add to website: What/where is the oldest tree in Franklin Park? Ask residents to submit location or tree pictures to SFPFD Smolen. post on social media.
8. East Leyden High School event for April or May: Propose specific topics. Kathy Kubeczko (Science Department) requested a February or March date.
Determine agenda with limited topics relevant to tree board
9. Tree Guide reviewal and discussion:
<https://usfs-public.app.box.com/v/TreeOwnersManual>

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Grant list reviewal:

On September 14, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service announced a historic \$1 billion investment to boost the nation's tree coverage. CRTI held an informative ZOOM session regarding opportunities and eligibility, and provided eligibility screening tools:

[Municipal Inflation Reduction Act Screening Tool](#)

[Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)

Grant opportunities do not apply to understory shrubs, but include nut and fruit type trees. Complete grant lists to be available on 'MIRA Tool' to determine eligibility requirements within a week

2. Smaller understory shrubs can be acquired through grant applications submitted by the future Bee Preservation Committee

VII. OTHER BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. No meeting on December 21st, 2023.
Next meeting will be January 16th, 2024.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

LEGAL NOTICE AND AGENDA POSTED IN THE FRANKLIN PARK MUNICIPAL BUILDING (VILLAGE HALL) AND THE POLICE STATION ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17th, 2023

/s/ APRIL J. ARELLANO, VILLAGE CLERK, VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK