

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION ON
JULY 15th, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Tree Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:07 pm on JULY 15th, 2025 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

ROLL CALL

No Quorum Present

Tree Preservation Members: Les Grahn, Ramona Michael, Joan Ambo

Absent: Fahey, Noth

Bee Committee members: Katarina Modrich

Absent: ME Smolen, Suryovich

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

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF JUNE 17th, 2025, MINUTES

No Quorum was Present

BUSINESS

1. Member Ambo presented the results and breakdown of Tree and Bee Board survey results. The Trustee Survey is ready and will be emailed this week.
2. Invasive Tree removal: upcoming date: Varak Bosnoian Morton Arboretum CRTI is communicating with Trinity regarding a November invasive tree removal. Varak will reach out when they get all details organized. Andy Smolen communicated with Benjamin Kadlec, Sustainability Coordinator @TRITON COLLEGE regarding buckthorn removal. Ben will promote the workday with Environmental Club and Triton networks.
3. Library Presentation: Arborist The library presentation is set for November 22 at 1:00pm. Paul Filary, from Kramer Tree Specialists, Director of Operations and ISA Certified Arborist will present. A flier will be created for the Library publication that goes out early to mid September, and posted on Village Facebook.
4. Fall Seminar schedule pending.
5. Review of examples of successful Parkway Planting Recommendations and Permits
6. Per call Joe Montana 7/15: Board membership appointments are up. At this time each member has to declare whether or not they will renew commitment and serve as board members for another year. Adding members: Joe Montana suggested Communicating with Dawn, Village consultant, to post on Village facebook site that the Tree Board is currently looking to add 2 members.

7. Back to School event Saturday, August 16th from 2-4 PM, located at James Park, Franklin Park.
The Tree Board will have seed packets and fliers to give away.

TRUSTEE REPORT

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

Present: Resident Violet will donate seed and marigold plants for the Back to School event.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at At 7:15 pm

Approval

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____