

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

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservations 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, IL 60131

Member Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

Bee Committee members: Mary Ellen Smolen, Late Arrival 6:10 PM, Katarina Modrich .
Absent: Monika Suryovich

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF August 20th, 2024, MINUTES

Motion by member Smolen, 2nd by Member Fahey to approve August 2024 regular meeting minutes.

BUSINESS

1. James Park Event October 5, 2024. IRA grant to plant trees. Event board to be installed and flyer information posted in English and Spanish. SFPFD Smolen will purchase water bottles and non-perishables from Costco. SFPFD Smolen Village Clerk Arellano will hand out flyers to every house/resident.
2. Tree Planting with volunteers on September 28th requires an Eventbrite posting correction from C.R.T.I regarding the exact event date, and clarification that volunteers will not be digging holes; the holes will be dug pre planting date.
3. Seminar October 12th: A flyer designed member Fahey that included the new Tree Board logo has to be translated into Polish and Spanish. The flyer has been added to the tree & bee board websites. Triton College Student Services, Addison Women's Club, and East and West Leyden teachers were notified regarding the seminar. The final flyer was emailed to confirmed presenters Kelsay Shaw and Brandie Dunn Xerces Society. Paul Filary from Kramer Tree Specialists (Director of Operations, ISA Certified Arborist) will confirm a speaker this Friday after their board meeting if he is unable to attend the 12th. In addition, Michael Emailed flyer to Master Gardeners Gemini Bhalsod and Nancy Kreith, Master Gardeners. SFPFD will purchase water and sandwiches from Costco. Seminar schedule with a QR Code and an images slideshow will be created.

4. Library Bee Board event October 3rd update: the library created a flyer and posted the event to their website. We have a BEE CITY USA sign but the Bee Board requires a bee city logo to add to their events. Member Suryovich will have a presentation set-up regarding bees for the attendees.
5. The Morton Arboretum Partner Appreciation and Awards Ceremony was held on September 16th. The Tree Board was invited to attend and nominated for an award, but did not win. The event was a great opportunity to network and show visibility.
6. Tree Board web page changes & updates were presented by Ambo. Awaiting reply from IT regarding Tree Board website Rotator images. New graphics created by Ambo in order to make the information clickable. Change in web page wording: 2023 Trees planted to Tree Tally. Draft Bee Board logos. All voted on logo # 1
7. Social Media – Check with the Village Attorney. Once checked and approved we can create an Instagram VOFP Tree Board page, or Tree Board Facebook.

OTHER BUSINESS

Member Ambo will forward higher image resolution logos for use on the tablecloth orders for Tree and Bee Boards. Triton College reached out to SFPFD Smolen regarding an event on October 4th during which they would like to plant a tree. They will forward more information with their invitation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

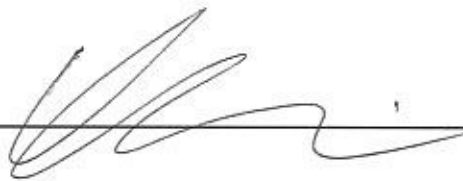
None

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:04 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by member Noth seconded by ME Smolen

Approval

Signature:



Date:

October 15/2024