

## MINUTES OF THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

DECEMBER 12, 2013

A Tree Preservation Commission (TPC) meeting was held on Thursday, December 12, 2013.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Samantha Lewerenz, Tessie Zaretsky, Linda Suwalski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chairperson Cheryl Kiesel and Daniela Gutierrez

**ALSO PRESENT:** John Schneider, Director of Community Development, Patrick Ainsworth, Village Planner, Eric Richard, Assistant Village Planner, Joe Lauro, Director of Public Works, Andy Smolen, Deputy Director of Public Works – Village of Franklin Park

**VOTING OF CHAIRMEN FOR THE TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION** Samantha volunteered (motion) to the position as Acting TPC Chairmen. Member Tessie Zaretsky **SECONDED** the motion. **VOICE VOTE- MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Public Comment:** None

### **New Business:**

Mr. Schneider introduced staff and responsibilities of the TPC. Community Development staff would coordinate the planning activities of the TPC. Public Works staff would be responsible with carrying out activities initiated by the TPC.

Mr. Smolen discussed the tree activity that took place in 2013. A total of 157 trees were planted; a total of 352 trees were removed; 1,434 stumps were removed; 177 trees were trimmed. Mr. Smolen proceeded to discuss the Village of Franklin Park's recently established status as a Tree City USA community and the grants that the Public Works Department has received to plant and/or remove trees in the Village of Franklin Park.

Mr. Schneider discussed the duties of the TPC and the proposed activity for 2014. Mr. Lauro indicated that he would like to plant three times the amount of trees next year, compared to 2013. He proceeded to indicate that potentially 250 trees need to be removed, mostly due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Lauro indicated the need for more proposed tree locations and types of trees to be planted in the Village of Franklin Park.

Ms. Lewerenz asked about the types of trees that can be planted and how to get our information to the residents about the benefits of trees.

Mr. Schneider discussed the duties of the TPC before the next meeting. Each TPC member was assigned to a geographic section of the Village of Franklin Park, in which they need to propose locations that they would like to see trees planted.

Discussion took place on this initiative between staff and the TPC members.

Mr. Schneider proposed quarterly meetings for the TPC and 7:00 PM start times.

Discussion took place on the 2014 TPC meeting dates and times. The 2014 TPC meetings are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room (Police Station)
- Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room (Police Station)
- Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room (Police Station)
- Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Room (Police Station)

Mr. Schneider discussed on-going Economic Development projects in the Village of Franklin Park.

A discuss took place on other Village of Franklin Park initiatives.

Being no further business before the Commission, Member Samantha Lewerenz **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn. Tessie Zaretsky **SECONDED** the motion. **VOICE VOTE - MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Richard