

**TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
VILLAGE OF FRANKLIN PARK, COOK COUNTY**

January 16th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Tree Preservation was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Village of Franklin Park Police Station, Community Room, located at 9451 W. Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131.

Member Michael led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT:

Tree Preservation Commission Members Joan Ambo, Jennifer Costa, Les Grahn, Ramona Michael and Sylvia Noth.

Bee City Committee Members Katarina Modrich, Mary Smolen

Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD) Andrew Smolen and trustee Karen Special.

APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF NOVEMBER 21st, 2023 MINUTES

Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Ambo to approval November 21st, 2023 regular schedule meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

SFPFD Smolen explained that Franklin Park will be attending the Cook County Climate Resiliency Plan virtual webinar and Ramona will also be attending to prepare for what the Village would need to provide green infrastructure improvements.

The members were informed that the Village of Franklin Park passed an ordinance designating the Village as a Bee City USA affiliate and amending the village code to establish a bee committee.

It is recommended that the website be updated to add the Bee City USA and the members of the Bee City to be displayed on the Tree Preservation web page.

Member Costa explained University of Illinois Extension was contacted and waiting to confirm two Master Gardeners will be able to attend event.

East Leyden High School presenters will include Irene Flebbe from the Forest Preserve Trailside Museum and a delayed response from Trinity for Chicago Region Tree Initiative.

A date was set for the Pollinator Day event, it will be held on May 18th, 2024.

The Tree Preservation logo will be created by students at the grade schools. The winner of the contest will win a jar of honey.

Motion to award the winner of the logo art contest.

Motion by Member M. Smolen and second by Member Noth to approve the presenting of honey to the winner of the logo art contest.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Michael informed the committee that she will send out a list of different grants for the board to review them.

SFPFD Smolen explained that a pollinator garden will be in the parkways by Digital Reality. Hester Junior High art club students will be painting "Earth Day" related art on the windows of Franklin Avenue.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

n/a

PUBLIC COMMENTS

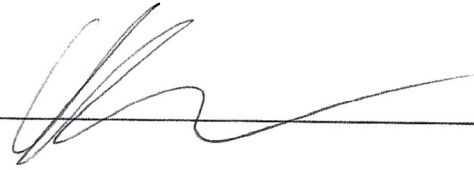
None

ADJOURNMENT

6:55 p.m.

Approval

Signature: _____

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Date: _____

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