

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

**February 20<sup>th</sup> , 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 Commision Members Joan Ambo, Jennifer Costa, Les Grahn, Ramona Michael and Sylvia Noth

Bee City Committee Members Katarina Modrich, Mary Smolen, Monika Surovych  
Sustainability, Forestry, Parkways and Facilities Director (SFPFD) Andrew Smolen and trustee Karen Special

**APPROVAL AND SIGNING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024 MINUTES**

Motion by Member Noth, second by Member Ambo to approve February 20, 2024 regular schedule meeting minutes.

**BUSINESS**

Updates to the Park District of Franklin Park's website were addressed. The Bee Committee will have a separate link from the Tree Board web page along with the bee ordinance. New bee committee logo is in progress.

SFPFD Smolen explained that Nasser Rafidia from the Village has been working on the ComEd grant. The goal with the grant is to plant pollinators in a hell-strip on 3019 Rose Street.

SFPFD Smolen informed the board that the IRA grant is \$25,000-\$150,000 and applications must be in by March 1, 2024. The plan for this grant is to have Illinois Arborist Outreach train the Village of Franklin Park public works and for different informational signs.

The Chicago Region Tree Initiative/Morton Arboretum is donating 45 trees and mulch. The trees will be planted on Cullerton Avenue.

Member Noth reported that some residents were confused by the wording at the Seed Swap. The wording for the next seed swap event will be changed.

The board was informed of the speaker event at East Leyden, and for Tree Board and Bee Board visibility.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerk of the Village of Addison communicated with SFPFD Smolen. The women's club at the village were interested in learning more. Member Surovych will do a talk regarding bees. SFPFD Smolen, member Michael and member Smolen will also attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

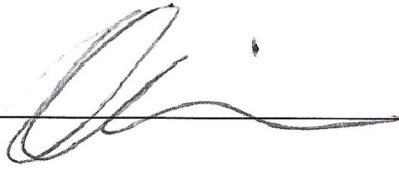
None

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:35 p.m.

**Approval**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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