

VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE

LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

Riverside Township Hall, Room 22, 27 Riverside Road, Riverside, Illinois

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maloney at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Lambros, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

Absent: Commissioners Cody and Lucero

Also Present: Board of Trustee Liaison Evans, Director of Public Works Bailey, Forester Collins

3. Consider approval of February 11, 2020, regular meeting minutes.

Motion Commissioner Lambros. Second Commissioner Rubin. CARRIED. To approve the February 11, 2020, regular meeting minutes as presented.

4. Nature Design Game Day Simulation.

This item was deferred to after adjournment of this regular meeting.

5. Chairperson's Report

Wildlife Posters – The posters will be completed and available by the end of March.

Audubon Designation – Riverside has been designated an Important Bird Area by the Audubon Society.

Farmers Market – A booth is in the process of being reserved.

BioBlitz Promo – Thank you notes with 3 sets of Wildlife Posters will be sent to the volunteer scientists.

6. Standing Discussion Topics

Master Landscape Plan

No discussion.

Outreach and Education

Commissioner Lambros reported that the Guthrie Park Arboretum tree name tagging project was completed on March 7. All trees in the Arboretum are now tagged. The Commissioners discussed the project and Eagle Scout candidate project approval process and the need to improve coordination. Commissioner Lambros and Department of Public Works staff will meet with an Eagle Scout candidate to further discuss the project process as well as potential projects.

**Arboretum**

Commission Plunkett briefed on the Arboretum tours planned in conjunction with the Upcoming Arbor Day. Docents have been assigned specific trees to focus on and an elementary school teacher has been engaged to bring students. A white oak is planned for planting during the event and certificates of appreciation are being created to present to the Girl Scout troop members who completed the planting project along the Des Plaines River during 2019.

Commissioner Rubin had previously sent an email to Commission members regarding the iTree program which includes a calculator to compile the benefits provided by trees. Although there is some doubt regarding the accuracy of iTree calculations, the accuracy will be investigated and confirmed before a decision is made to fully implement it, perhaps, in conjunction with the iEco program. The Commissioner also forwarded information to the Village Clerk for addition to the LAC web page.

**Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure**

The Chairperson had forwarded a copy of an updated version of the Brochure in edit form with each Commissioner to review and provide edits and return them to the Chairperson. The Commission intends to review proposed revisions during its regular April meeting.

**Forester's Report**

Forester Collins shared that the 2020 Frederick Law Olmsted Society Work Days kicked off at Big Ball Park. The Society intends to donate an additional \$2,000 for tree and shrub purchases. During April an Arbor Day commemoration is planned as well as the Riverside Brookfield High School Day of Service. Also, the Forester has developed a presentation on his recent trip to China for an upcoming Village Board of Trustees meeting and the Library Lecture Series.

**7. Adjournment.**

Motion Rubin. Second Schaff. CARRIED. To Adjourn at 8:44 p.m.

**Minutes Taken By:**



**Minutes Approved By:**

