



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
This meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

1. Call to Order:

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission was held on Tuesday April 13th, 2021, electronically via Zoom. Chairperson Maloney called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff (7:18pm)

Absent: Commissioner Cody

Also Present: Public Works Director Tabb, Forester Collins, Village President Sells, Village President Elect Ballerine, Village Trustee Gallagos, Scout Thomas Snyder, Stephanus Greeff, Dale Yates, Patrick (last name unknown)

3. Consider Approval of March 9th, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 9th, 2021 regular meeting minutes as presented by Commissioner Lucero. Second by Commissioner Plunkett.

AYES: Maloney, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

New Business

4. Review and Discuss Scout Presentation

Scout Thomas Snyder presented his proposed project to weed invasive species and install sedges and native flowers at triangle park T-54, located at Loudon Rd, Bartram Rd, and Nuttall Rd. Scout Thomas Snyder made mention that he received assistance from Commissioners Lambros, Plunkett, and Forester Collins. Director Tabb stated that a water meter and hose

would be provided to water the area through the use of a fire hydrant. Commissioner Lambros mentioned that she would be adopting triangle T-54 as a project for herself moving forward.

Review and Discuss Groveland Floodwall Appearance Options

President Sells stated that the Preservation Commission, along with staff members, will be drafting a memo to bring to Burke Engineering for discussion on a number of points pertaining to the flood wall. President Sells encouraged all members of the commissions that want to provide input regarding the flood wall, to attend the Preservation Commission meetings and the Village Board meeting. Commissioner Rubin brought up the potential of engineering with nature as a possible solution to the flooding. Chairperson Maloney mentioned that engineering with nature, per the Army Corps of Engineers, requires the acquisition of land. President Sells elaborated that engineering with nature was more of a research idea and was intended for coastal areas and not a built up area such as Riverside. Commissioner Lambros mentioned that she modified her home to allow the river to flow through her first floor. Commissioner Plunkett stated that she has received water in her basement numerous times, but isn't looking to give up her house. Chairperson Maloney encouraged all members to view the project and future revisions from a landscaping perspective.

Review and Discuss New Park Bench Donation Application

Chairperson Maloney recused herself from the discussion because she is a neighbor of the applicant and knew the person for whom the bench is being donated. Stephanus Greeff stated that the late John Farneda had always envisioned a bench in front of the house so the people that visited the area had somewhere to sit and enjoy the view of the gardens and the homes. Chairperson Maloney mentioned that previous Public Works Director Bailey had discussed the idea of limiting the number of park benches installed throughout town. Commissioner Lucero stated that the location of the bench would be ideal for those touring Riverside to have a place to sit and rest. Commissioner Rubin made mentioned that perhaps moving forward the Village should charge \$2500 to replace an existing bench and \$3500-\$4000 for the installation of a new bench. Commissioner Schaff asked if homeowners in close proximity to an installed bench were polled on their opinions. Director Tabb stated due to the nature of the item being installed that residents were not polled on their opinions. Commissioner Lucero inquired as to whether people were offered the option to replace an existing bench and how often they chose that option. Director Tabb explained that those calling to donate a bench do it for an emotional reason and have a predetermined location in mind when applying. He also stated that Public Works is the facilitator of the policy and does not decided whether there are too few or too many benches throughout Riverside. Chairperson Maloney suggested the LAC revisit the bench policy in the future and possibly make a recommendation to the Village Board on an amendment.

Motion to approve the hardscape permit application for the park bench donation to be located at 300 Scottswood Rd by Commissioner Lambros. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

AYES: Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion Carried

Old Business

5. No Mow May

Commissioner Lambros briefed the Commission on her discussion with representatives from Shorewood, WI on the No Mow May concept. The commission discussed using 2021 to gather data for a possible rollout on private properties in 2022. Commissioner Lambros will set up a project on iNaturalist for the monitoring of insects and will reach out to the Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota for information on pollinators.

Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status

Chairperson Maloney mentioned that RTV was indifferent on doing a reshoot for the Landscape video. Commissioner Lambros mentioned that she resent her photos and wanted to verify proper credit was assigned to each. Commissioner Lucero was concerned on the process and the timeline of the video. Commissioner Plunkett stated she would be willing to provide more photos to help fill any voids that remain. Forester Collins stated he had limited time and may not be available for a complete reshoot. Director Tabb offered to do whatever the film crew needed for his portion. Chairperson Maloney to sit down with editor in an attempt to get the video finished.

Upcoming Calendar

Virtual BioBlitz *April 30th – May 3rd*

Possible E-Flash with information on a do it yourself BioBlitz

Meeting with Docents *April 30th*

Commissioner Plunkett moved up to April 10th & 17th.

LAC BioBlitz *June 26th*

The BioBlitz removed from the calendar. The previously proposed Mini-Insect BioBlitz (Bug Walk) on July 28th will be in lieu of the LAC BioBlitz.

LAC Backpacks *Summer Reading Program*

Commissioner Schaff explained the LAC backpack will be an item on the summer reading card at the library. The Commission agreed to donate posters as an award for the reading program.

Mini-Insect BioBlitz *July 28th*

Unveil Viewer *Summer or Fall*

The room where the viewer is to be installed is currently being used to quarantine books.

FLOS to coordinate the bird walks.

Picnic Like Its 1869 *September 19th*

Review and Discuss Swan Pond Options

Chairperson Maloney summarized a previous joint meeting of the commissions for the purpose of feedback on the proposed Swan Pond Path. Forester Collins stated he has submitted a recommendation to Christopher Burke Engineering for the use of coconut matting and a native seed mix for shore stabilization. Forester Collins offered to send the seed mix blend to the Commission for review.

6. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Maloney made mention of FLOS's efforts in doing a tree and shrub planting overlooking Swan Pond to commemorate Olmsted 200.

7. Standing Discussion Topics

Master Landscape Plan

Scout triangle restoration project as previously discussed.

Outreach and Education

Commissioner Rubin inquired on a final submission date for the monthly newsletters. Chairperson Maloney suggested submission a week prior to post date. Commissioner Schaff noted her interest in publicizing the Commissioner Rubin created QR code at the train station or library. Chairperson Maloney mentioned that the Farmers Market would not be having a community table this year due to COVID.

Arboretum

Tours

Commissioner Plunkett mentioned the possibility of having seven docents do staggered, thirty minute arboretum tours with intermediary discussions about specific trees important to Riverside. The conclusion of the tours would direct attendees to visit the Riverside Tree Viewer.

Data

Commissioner Rubin reported he will be uploading more photographs to the Tree Viewer throughout the remainder of the year. Discussion was had about uploading photos being a possible Scout project.

Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

Chairperson Maloney mentioned the brochure is being edited by Village Clerk Haley and will be uploaded once completed.

8. Forester's Report

Forester Collins noted his involvement with the iTree academy and the interesting partnerships that the Forest Service has developed with private partners. Forester Collins mentioned the first landscape work day of the year, at Harrington Park, was a success with fifteen people participating. Forester Collins noted an upcoming May 1st work day along Riverside Rd. Forester

Collins noted the upcoming tree planting, which is to consist of nine species and 62 trees in total. The arboretum will also be adding a Tulip tree. Forester Collins discussed the possibility of handing out some posters at future landscape work days.

Commissioner Schaff inquired about tree planting on the north end of the Scottswood Commons. Forester Collins made mention that the Village was working with the Swim Club to replace trees that will be removed as part of their project.

Other Business

Commission Plunkett made mention that the Cook County Forest Preserve was doing work in Zoo Woods and along Forest Ave.

9. Motion to adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. was made by Commissioner Plunkett. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

AYES: Maloney, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:
