



**VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE  
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 13th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission (LAC) was held on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in the Village of Riverside Township Hall, Room 22, Riverside, IL 60546. Chairperson Lambros called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

Present: Chairperson Lambros, Commissioners Tarverdi, Jakubas, Wilkens, and Barker (7:25 p.m.)

Absent: Commissioners Rubin, Barrs.

Also present: Director Tabb, Forester Collins and Management Intern Sanduski.

**III. Consider Approval of May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the May 9<sup>th</sup> Minutes was postponed until the next meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup>, when a quorum can be met.

**IV. Public Comment**

No public comment, per Director Tabb.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**V. Fairbank ADA Hardscape permit**

Director Tabb presented the topic of the Fairbank ADA Hardscape Permit to the LAC Commissioners. The Village will be constructing two ADA-accessible parking spots near 180 Fairbank Road. The project will include 5 ft. wide aggregate sidewalks with a repressed curb that will provide ADA access to the walking trail through Swan Pond. The Village Board and Preservation Commission have already approved the project.

A motion for the LAC to approve the Fairbank ADA Parking Hardscape Permit as presented was made by Commissioner Wilkins. Seconded by Commissioner Tarverdi.

AYES: Lambros, Tarverdi, Jakubas, Wilkens

ABSENT: Rubin, Barrs

ABSTAIN:

NAYES:  
Motion Carried.

#### **VI. World Nature Conservation Day – Lisa**

Chairperson Lambros told the group that the Village will be hosting World Nature Conversation Day on Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30. She reported that Village Trustee Jill Mateo will be presenting a bird watching tour and Village Trustee Alex Gallegos will be hosting a kayak adventure tour. LAC Commissioner Barker volunteered to host a tree arboretum tour using the village's tree viewer app. Commissioner Rubin will also be offering a tour of Swan Pond, including information about ILM and University of Illinois applied research. Commissioner Wilkens volunteered to feature a Tai Chi class at the Scout Cabin, if available. Chairperson Lambros suggested that the LAC distribute Village of Riverside pins and tri-fold landscaping brochures to interested participants. Director Tabb to check the Village budget to see if enough funding would permit a reprint of posters to also give these away during the event.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **VII. Central School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scout - Completion**

Chairperson Lambros updated the group that the Girl Scout troop from Central School's 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed their clean-up and planting at T-56 at the intersection of Westover, Northgate, and Loudon Roads. Chairperson Lambros continues to water the new plantings, as the troop has now completed their community project.

#### **VIII. Native Plant Sale – June 4<sup>th</sup> – Completion**

Chairperson Lambros reported that the native plant sale held on June 4<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, with the vendor Stellar Native Plant Nursery having sold 75% of the plants brought to the event. The LAC Commissioners, who took shifts during the sale to help customers with planting questions, proposed that the vendor bring more classic perennials to future sales as well as provide plant stake species markers in each plant to prevent confusion. During the sale, Commissioner Barrs promoted the LAC's invasive trade-in program, which was also deemed a success.

#### **IX. Farmer's Market Sign Up – June 7<sup>th</sup> - Completion**

LAC members hosted the Village's community tent at the recent Farmer's Market on June 7<sup>th</sup> during which they featured their fun spin-a-wheel game and gave away small trees and posters to participating residents. They also distributed copies of their tri-fold brochure. The event was well-attended by residents of all ages who enjoyed their prizes.

#### **X. C4 Update – Lisa**

Chairperson Lambros gave an update in Trustee Marsh-Ozga's absence that the C4 committee will be presenting a community mapping event on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. Lambros also mentioned that there will be a Green Town Meeting on June 22, at Triton College, which will include a job fair regarding "green" jobs. Also regarding the C4 initiative, there will be a survey coming out later this week to all interested resident stakeholders as well as a C4 meeting being held later this month.

#### **XI. Standing Discussion Topics**

##### **A. Master Landscape Plan**

- **Triangles – Spreadsheet Update – David B**

Commissioner Barker presented to the group his spreadsheet template on the subjective evaluation of Village triangles. He showed the LAC members information for the 12 triangles evaluated so far using drop-down plant names to evaluate each triangle's canopy trees and understory, as well as square footage and location within the Village. Commissioner Barker will also add plant forbes and invasive species to his spreadsheet, once he is forwarded a list. The Commissioners thanked him for his diligent work that will be a great benefit to the Master Landscape Plan as the group uses this report to evaluate each triangle annually in the future.

## **B. Outreach and Education**

- **Ecology Club – RBHS –Milkweed Planting – Completion -Lisa & Dave T.**  
Chairperson Lambros reported that she along with Commissioner Tarverdi, RB Ecology teacher Dave Monti, and about eight ecology students from RBHS planted nearly 800 milkweed plants on Saturday, June 10. The day was a great success, and it proved very helpful that Chairperson Lambros pre-augured the tough soil prior to planting day to allow for quicker planting success. Commissioner Tarverdi suggested that in the future, the LAC lead the plant scheduling process, as students' availability wanes during spring/summer.
- **Invasive Trade-in – Residential – Update - Dave R.**  
Chairperson Lambros updated the group that the Invasive Trade-in event was a success, with only three trees remaining for residents. Chairperson Lambros will ask Commissioner Barrs to send a list of fall tree options to Director Tabb, in the event that the LAC sponsors this trade-in event again in fall.

## **XII. Parkway Tree Watering Program – Dave T.**

Commissioner Tarverdi reported that he has been driving around Riverside checking on the watering condition of younger trees. He's already checked on about 300 trees and has left door hanger cards with watering information on the homes of those trees needing to be watered. He will continue his efforts during the summer, especially during long periods without rain. Forester Collins told the group, as a general measure, that 50 gallons of water are required for a small tree per week during drought conditions; about 20 gallons of water are required weekly in non-extreme temperatures.

## **XII. Marketing**

### **A. Website – Updates – David B./David R./Amy - New Content**

Commissioner Barker updated the group on some articles pertaining to mosquito abatement and better ways to rid a yard of mosquitos, such as using DEET and fans/wind. He will be summarizing for an upcoming e-blast to Village residents this summer.

### **B. New Education Tri-Fold for Residences –Updates on Packets- Dave R.**

Chairperson Lambros reminded the group that their new educational tri-fold brochure on Riverside natives and landscaping tips is now available. Management Intern Sanduski updated the group that the New Resident packet draft is still under review by Village Officers and would include the tri-fold brochure, when finally issued.

## **XIII. Grants Update – Dave B. / Dan**

Commissioner Barker suggested that this topic be removed from the agenda, as Forester Collins and Director Tabb were already in ongoing discussions regarding upcoming federal/state grants and would update the LAC group accordingly when a pertinent grant is received by the Village.

**XVII. Chairperson's Report - None**

Chairperson Lambros had nothing to report.

**XVIII. Forester's Report**

Forester Collins reported to the group that the Village had already applied for a federal/state grant, which, if awarded, will include a tree inventory for Riverside's woodlands, parkways and triangles. It would also include the removal of invasive species. Forester Collins also reported that the ILM research group has reported less canary grass in Swan Pond this year, which is a success for Riverside's Master Landscape Plan. Forester Collins finished his report with an announcement that the Frederick Law Olmstead Society (FLOS) will be hosting another clean-up date this Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Longcommon area in front of 98 Nuttall Road.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**XIX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next LAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion to approve meeting adjournment made by Commissioner Barker. Seconded by Commissioner Wilkins.**

**AYES:** Lambros, Barker, Tarverdi, Jakubas and Wilkens.

**NAYES:** None

**Motion carried.**

**Minutes Taken By:** Linda Sanduski