



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 10th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission (LAC) was held in person on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 in the Village of Riverside Township Hall, Room 22, Riverside, IL 60546. Commissioner Lambros called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lambros, Commissioners Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Schaff, ~~Tarverdi~~, and Barker, ~~Trustee Marsh-Ozga~~

Absent: Commissioner ~~Tarverdi (7:43)~~, ~~Flassing~~

Also Present: Director Tabb, Forester Collins, Communications, Marketing, and Events Specialist Downing, ~~and~~ Management Intern Sanduski, ~~and Trustee Marsh-Ozga~~.

III. Consider Approval of October 11th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 11th, 2022 regular meeting minutes ~~as presented approved~~ by Commissioner Barker.

Seconded by Commissioner Plunkett.

AYES: ~~Lambros~~, Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Schaff, ~~Tarverdi~~ and Barker.

ABSENT: ~~Flassing~~, ~~Tarverdi (7:43)~~

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

V. 2023 LAC Budget and Plan

The LAC's ~~2023 proposed budget of \$6,170 was approved by the Village Board on December 1st, 2022~~2023 budget was approved with a spend of \$6,130. Commissioners to report in next meeting about 2023 projects requiring budget funds.

VI. Buckthorn Invasive Trade-In – Residential

Commissioner Barrs reported that a Buckthorn invasive trade-in program has been tried in several other communities and has had successful results. Riverside residents who are interested in the program will be required to provide before and after photos of their invasive buckthorn growth to prove that the work has been done. Further, a completed application is not guaranteed for the trade-in program. Expectations will be outlined on the application and LAC members will not be physically helping with labor. The LAC members will consider if the trade-in program could also pertain to not only buckthorn, but also include Honeysuckle and Tree of Heaven, both also invasive species. Residents who participate in the trade-in program would receive a maximum of only one tree in exchange for their invasive trade-ins. Potential trees for replacement would depend on the specific area, but include a canopy tree, such as Oak, or understory trees, such as Blue Beach, Ironwood or berry trees, such as Crabapple. Possible vendors would be Possibility Nursery, Kankakee Nursery, Woody Plant Warehouse or the DuPage County Forest Preserve. Commissioner Barrs will be the Lead with Commissioner Rubin as the Co-Lead. The target date is spring 2023, most likely April or May. This program may be extended into fall 2023, if successful.

VII.- ILM / Reseeding Efforts – Swan Pond

Forester Collins reported that he is in receipt of seed to be applied in spring after the burn process. Commissioner Rubin will be the Lead overseeing this project, with Commissioner Schaff as the Co-lead.

VIII. -2023 Tree List – Mike Collins

Forester Collins presented an approved tree list for 2023. There are total nine trees on the list, all canopy trees. The list consists of the following:

- Gingko 'Princeton Sentry'
- Sweetgum 'Worplesdon'
- Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Chinkapin Oak
- London Planetree 'Exclamation'
- Tulip Tree
- American Elm 'Jefferson'
- Bald Cypress
- Linden 'Redmond'

Per Forester Collins, the Village typically plants 80 to 100 trees per year.

~~MA~~ motion to approve the 2023 tree planting list ~~was made~~ by Commissioner Plunkett, ~~S~~ and seconded by Commissioner Barker.

AYES: Lambros, Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Schaff, Barker

ABSENT: Tarverdi

NAYES: None

Motion Passed

IX. Watering Suggestions Resident / Public Parkway Trees – Lisa

Forester Collins reported that Riverside residents need to be re-educated on the need to water parkway trees. During 2022 three of 100 parkway trees were lost due to lack of watering. The LAC agreed to be part of the movement to remind residents to water new parkway trees. One option is to send an e-blast to all residents during drought conditions. The LAC also agreed to monitor parkway trees during draught seasons with Public Works staff to provide follow-up education. Commissioner Plunkett agreed to be the Lead on this project with Commissioner Traverdi as the Co-Lead and Riverside resident and former LAC Commissioner Bob Finn offering assistance, as well.

X. -Media Content / Focus / Process – Commission Plan and Lead / Co-Lead

Director Tabb addressed with the commission the possible need to streamline communications for time-sensitive information, which needs to be addressed between LAC meetings. Commissioners discussed and agreed that communications can go out as an approved quorum with a public message, if necessary, via hybrid methods – in person or via email. Commissioner Barker will be the Lead on this project with Commissioner Rubin as the Co-lead.

MA motion to approve [Commissioner Barker as the lead on Commission external communications with Commissioner Rubin as the co-lead by Commissioner Barrs.](#)
[Seconded by Commissioner Plunkett.](#)

AYES: [Lambros, Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Schaff, Barker, Tarverdi](#)

ABSENT: None

NAYES: None

Motion Passed~~this communication was carried.~~

OLD BUSINESS

XI. -No Mow May / Pollinator Focus – Lisa

- A. Glenview, IL**
- B. Westmont, IL**
- C. Oshkosh, WI**
- D. Appleton, WI**
- E. Bee City**

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This discussion topic was put on hold by Chairman Lambros until the LAC meeting in February. She will send data to all the Commissioners for their review before the next meeting.

XII. -Marketing

A. Website – Updates – David R. & Amy

The Commission agreed to post any seasonal updates for residents on a dedicated website page. Seasonal updates would include such topics as watering reminders for parkway trees and proper ways to mulch around trees.

B. New Education Tri-Fold for Residents – Printing / Electronic – Dave & Dan

The Commission discussed the completion of its new educational tri-fold brochure and agreed that new Riverside residents would be among the proper audience for this brochure. Chairman Lambros to seek permission from Village Manager Jessica Frances for inclusion in the new resident packets.

XIII. -Grants Update – Lisa & Dan

Director Tabb to further research grant matching procedures, including those for Trees Forever and the Butterfly grant and report his findings to the Commission during a future LAC meeting.

XIV. -Chairperson's Report

A. Commissioner's Focus for 2023

Chairman Lambros shared her excitement for the work of the LAC Commissioners. She asked the Commissioners if they would be interested in hosting the Community tent during any of the 2023 Farmer's Market days, as well as hosting a tent during the July 4th event in Guthrie Park after the parade. The Commissioners agreed that both events would present a good opportunity to spread education and community awareness. They agreed to hand out native plants at the Farmer's Market on June 7 and in mid-September and to do the same at the July 4th event in Guthrie Park.

B. New Commissioner Applicants

Chairman Lambros announced that Commissioners Schaff and Plunkett will be leaving their Commissioner posts later this year, and that these two voids will need to be filled.

XV. Standing Discussion topics

A. Master Landscape Plan – New Updates for VBOT

- **Swan Pond- Update – Julie and Dave R.**

Commissioner Rubin reported that the Master Landscape Plan Guiding Document will be presented to the Board of Trustees soon. –The Commissioners discussed the Document with edits needed on pages 14 and 25. The Commissioners also discussed the study done by vendor ILM in regard to Swan Pond and its evolution over the past decades with its various stages of flooding, draught and now the current effects of climate change. It's a unique sight due to its location along the riverbed. The Commissioners reviewed the ILM's aggressive approach to the site's evolution and discussed the best approach to making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Commissioners agreed that they should simply explain the findings from the ILM report and then use the report's findings as a current snapshot of the unique area. The Commissioners agreed that the Master Landscape Plan should be an over-arching plan with Swan Pond and the many triangles as an appendix to the Master Plan.

- **Triangles – Update – Mary & Eve**

Commissioners Plunkett and Barr^s gave an update on recent triangle projects.

B. Outreach and Education

- **Nature Viewer – Dave R.**

Commissioner Rubin gave an update on the Nature Viewer project.

- **Seed Library – Mary and David R.**

Commissioners Plunkett and Rubin gave an update on the Seed Library project. The Commissioners shared that the Seed Library is being used by residents.

- **Ecology Club – RBHS – Eve & Dave T.**

Commissioner Barr^s reported that she spoke with Mr. Dave Monti, Ecology teacher at Riverside-Brookfield High School, who was recently given a budget of \$1200 to purchase 8 types of native plants. He will work with the LAC Commissioners to choose two locations within Riverside for planting these this spring. His Ecology class is also working on a project involving mosquito buckets.

XVI. -Forester's Report

Forester Collins reported that his team completed cyclic tree trimming on the ~~northside~~north side of Riverside, involving approximately 700 parkway trees. He also proudly announced that Riverside recently was able to celebrate its 18th year as Tree City USA as well as a growth award which will be finally approved by the Illinois State Arborist. Per Director Tabb, grant funding will come from the Inflation Reduction Act at the Federal level. Director Tabb and Forester Collins to keep the Commissioners apprised.

OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Aberdeen Marsh-Ozga reported that the Village Trustees will be hosting a Road to 2050 event on January 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverside Township Hall in the 2nd floor Auditorium. The event will feature an open discussion about how climate change has effected Riverside and 15 other nearby area villages. The event will serve as an open forum and workshop for residents to weigh in with ideas for combating climate change regarding the topics of Living Infrastructure, Community, Health and Wellness, and Connectivity, among others. Village Trustees are looking forward to hearing input from many facets of Riverside community members.

XVII. Adjournment

~~There was a motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. by Chairman Lambros Commissioner Rubin. Seconded by Commissioner Barker. The motion was passed to adjourn.~~

AYES: Lambros, Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Schaff, Tarverdi, ~~Schaff and Barker, Trustee Marsh-Ozga~~

ABSENT: ~~None Flasing~~

NAYES: None

Motion Passed.

Minutes Taken By:

Linda Sanduski

Minutes Approved By:
