



VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9th, 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 March 9th, 2021, electronically via Zoom. Chairperson Maloney called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Cody, Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff
Absent: None
Also Present: Public Works Director Tabb, Forester Collins

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

Motion to approve the February 9th, 2021 regular meeting minutes with proposed changes by Commissioner Lucero. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Changes include: **Item 7**, Arboretum-Data "combing" to "combining"

New Business

None at this time

Old Business

4. Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status

Riverside TV continues to work on the Landscape Video and a refined version will be forthcoming.

Review and Discuss Calendar

The following dates were proposed by the Commission.

Virtual BioBlitz	April 30 th – May 3 rd
Meeting with Docents	April 30th
LAC BioBlitz	June 26 th
LAC Backpacks	Summer Reading Program
Mini-Insect BioBlitz	July 28 th
Unveil Viewer	Summer or Fall
Picnic Like Its 1869	September 19 th

Commissioner Lucero to schedule bird speakers in conjunction with the library and FLOS (May-July).

Review and Discuss Olmsted 200 Write-ups

Commissioner Schaff to supply Chairperson Maloney with an adequate photo for the 2022 Olmsted 200 Picnic.

Review and Discuss LAC Email Protocol

Director Tabb to contact Village staff to update the LAC email list. The LAC email is intended for future events such as BioBlitz's and Picnics. Chairperson Maloney to be the "voice" of the LAC email.

5. *Chairperson's Report*

No Mow May – Chairperson Maloney proposed the idea of foregoing cutting the grass during a specified period of time, early in the growing season, to allow pollinators a chance to feed off of certain flowers that bloom in the longer grasses. Discussion was had about educating the public about the benefits to pollinators prior to rolling out the idea. It was suggested a small public area be dedicated to the cause in addition to the private properties that want to participate in the event. Decision was made to monitor private properties with a possible 2022 rollout. Commissioner Lambros will contact Shorewood, WI, which has rolled out a No Mow May, for best practices.

Director Tabb made mention of three locations for the framed LAC posters to be installed. The Village Township, Scout Cabin, and the new Recreation building on Quincy have all been identified as locations to display the framed posters.

6. *Standing Discussion Topics*

Master Landscape Plan

Swan Pond Options – Pursuant to the last LAC meeting, Chairperson Maloney stated that she had drafted a set of maintenance options for Swan Pond for LAC approval and

ultimate recommendation to the Village Board. This was prompted by previous LAC discussions on how the south end of Swan Pond had not been mowed the previous year due to flooding and the lack of manpower. There was concern that invasive species may threaten the area that wasn't mowed. Forester Collins stated he believes it's too early to draw up an action plan for Swan Pond. Forester Collins suggested giving Swan Pond another year to grow and determine what's best for the site. Director Tabb agreed with Forester Collins and stated that Public Works would be mowing everything in Swan Pond other than the intentionally planted center.

Director Tabb agreed to provide the LAC with resident feedback regarding the mowing of Swan Pond should they receive any.

Outreach and Education

Chairperson Maloney requested each LAC member take a topic to research and draft a brief summary for the Village's monthly newsletter. The following assignments were made: April-Maloney, May-Lambros, June-Rubin, July-Lucero, August-Plunkett, September-Schaff, Cody to do a month later in the season.

Arboretum

Tours

Commissioner Plunkett gathered information from surrounding organizations and documented their efforts to reinstate in-person tours and the use of docents. The general consensus is a wait and see attitude on how COVID mandates and positivity rates dictate future activities. Commissioner Plunkett indicated she would like to meet in Guthrie Park on Arbor Day, April 30th, with the docents to discuss how to approach modified arboretum tours. Commissioner Schaff and Plunkett agreed to verify the entomologist's comfort level with groups prior to scheduling for a BioBlitz.

Data

Commissioner Rubin reported continued progress with the Tree Viewer and his incorporation of photographs pertaining to each species of tree. Commissioner Schaff proposed the use of a QR code for future LAC events or activities to include website links and other pertinent information.

Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

Chairperson Maloney discussed having Village Clerk Haley upload the Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure and requested feedback from Commissioners should they notice something in need of change.

8. Forester's Report

Forester Collins noted the Village's recertification as a "Tree City USA" for the sixteenth year in a row. Forester Collins also recognized Commissioners Plunkett and Schaff for their help with the community box used for school visits.

Other Business

Chairperson Maloney inquired on the LAC's participation in the Swan Pond Walking Path design. Director Tabb mentioned that LAC involvement may not be required due to Swan Pond's designation as a park. Director Tabb mentioned that designs were not available at the time of the meeting and would forward what information he did have.

Subsequently, LAC Commissioners, Historic Preservation Commissioners and the Parks and Recreation Board were invited to voice comments at a Special Meeting of the Village Board on March 18, 2021.

Commissioner Lambros made mention of the upcoming Boy Scout presentation to occur at the April meeting.

9. Motion to adjourn:

A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was made by Commissioner Plunkett. Second by Commissioner Rubin.

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

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:
