



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

Tuesday August 9th, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Village of Riverside Landscape Advisory Commission was held electronically via zoom on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 in the Village of Riverside Township Hall Conference Room Riverside, IL 60546. Chairperson Lambros called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Lambros, Commissioners Barrs, Rubin, and Plunkett

Absent: Commissioners Juister and Schaff

Also Present: Forester Collins, Communications, Marketing, and Events Specialist Downing, and Trustee Marsh-Ozga

III. Consider Approval of July 12th, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the July 12th, 2022 regular meeting minutes by Commissioner Rubin. Seconded by Commissioner Barrs.

AYES: Rubin, Barrs, Plunkett, Lambros

ABSENT: Juister, Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion carried.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

V. Commissioner Position – Open

Chairperson Lambros reports there may be a resident interested in the position. The commission requested that the opening be advertised via eflash.

OLD BUSINESS

VI. No Mow May – Recap for Village Board of Trustees – Sept/Oct Presentation

A. City and Town updates on programs

The commission continues to gather data from towns for the presentation.

B. Bee City USA

Chairperson Lambros reports that municipalities can become a member of Bee City USA. The commission will investigate this idea

VII. National Park Service & Riverside’s NHL District – Boundary Change VBOT Letter

Chairperson Lambros has drafted a letter and is soliciting input from the commission in order to finalize for the Village Board of Trustees. The commission has worked with the Department of Public Works and the Cook County Forest Preserve District to review the western portion of Riverside.

VIII. 2022 Calendar – Update

A. Triangle 55 Update – Mary

Commissioner Plunkett relayed that Lauren Sanduski has been working to keep plants watered and beds weeded. The triangle has improved and work continues on T54 as well.

B. FLOS Workday – Recap – Mary and Eve

Commissioner Plunkett and Barrs reported that 13 volunteers attended and 2 dump truck of invasive pants were removed.

C. Picnic By the Pond – Julie

Commissioner Schaff was unable to attend. The commission thanked Amy Downing for amendments made to the website and discussed additional changes to be addressed in advance of the picnic.

IX. Marketing

A. New Education Trifold for Resident

The commission discussed the trifold crafted by Kimber Coombs. Amy Downing presented the updated draft to the commission and discussed modifications made. She also gave credit to Village Intern, Jason Valley for the graphics incorporated into the trifold. Commissioner Rubin expressed concern regarding some of his initial edits not making the final draft. Chairpersons Lambros asked Commissioner Rubin to review the trifold and send an email regarding anything that may have not made the current draft. Forester Collins stated that the trifold will be an excellent tool for new residents to orient themselves to our historic landscape. Per the commission’s request, Amy Downing will also look into printing costs. Chairperson Lambros will also reach out to Director Tabb regarding edits and printing.

B. Farmers Market – Marketing for Picnic By the Pond in September

Chairperson Lambros has reached out to Pizzo Native Plant Nursery and garnered a 100 donated plants to be distributed at the Farmers Market. The commission discussed options for the best way to generate interest for the picnic by distributing the plants. Chairperson Lambros will pick up the plants and coordinate with other commissioners to distribute plants. The commission also scheduled time slots for attendance at the Farmers Market.

X. Budget Proposal Ideas – 2023 – All Commissioners

Forester Collins noted that all budgetary proposals submitted by the commission must be accompanied by a work plan, describing how the money would be used. The commission reviewed and discussed ideas submitted by Commissioners Barrs and Rubin. Chairperson Lambros has offered to synthesize the ideas submitted into a spreadsheet and reach out to Director Tabb to discuss the viability of the options proposed. The commission is planning to reach out to Chairperson Elizabeth Koz to discuss one item submitted regarding natural playgrounds. The commission will discuss items further in September.

XI. Grants

Chairperson Lambros has sent out a list of grants for the commission to review. She is planning to follow up with Director Tabb to discuss the feasibility of the grants in more detail.

XII. Chairpersons Report

None

XIII. Standing Discussion Topics

A. Master Landscape Plan

- **Swan Pond - Update – Julie & Dave**

No Update

- **Triangles – Review – Mary & Eve**

Commissioner Plunkett reported that Commissioners Rubin and Barrs submitted reviews for T19 & T41. The commission discussed options on how best to update and incorporate triangle reviews on a rotational basis. Chairperson Lambros also requested that the commissioners pass along copies of the completed reviews to Forester Collins.

B. Outreach and Education

- **Nature Viewer**

Commissioner Rubin discussed the use of photos in conjunction with the nature viewer and promoting the viewer in leaf off season due to obstructions created by foliage. Chairperson Lambros suggested making the viewer a seasonal promotion.

- **Ecology Club – RBHS – David Monti – Sept 2022 PP Preview**

Chairperson Lambros discussed outreach with the Ecology Club and a potential presentation to students in September. She encouraged the commission to think of ideas to propose for students and they would finalize in the September meeting.

XIV. Forester’s Report

Forester Collins reported that the landscape workday collaboration between the Department of Public Works, Olmsted Society and Landscape Advisory was a great success and thanked the commission for their support. Two dump trucks of invasive species were removed, helping to open up the triangle. He also reported that 102 trees (public trees) have been removed due to the June 13th storm event and over 600 trees have been trimmed to remove hanging branches and address other public safety issues. He anticipates that removal numbers may increase as inspections continue. Grants were discussed in regard to reforestation efforts. The Forester expressed concern about the 2024 cicada emergence related to impacts on newly planting trees.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

XVI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. by Commissioner Plunkett. Seconded by Commissioner Rubin.

AYES: Lambros, Rubin, Plunkett, and Barrs.

ABSENT: Juister and Schaff

NAYES: None

Motion Passed.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:

Forester Collins
