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Environment Committee
Tree Sub-Committee Meeting January 21, 2016
Homer Glen Board Room

Present: Chairman Sharon Sweas, Randy Juras, Joe Turrise, Kathy Kudla, Cynthia Rataj, and Margaret Sabo

The Environment Committee's Tree Sub-Committee meeting was called to order by Environment Committee Chairman Sharon Sweas at 3:40 pm with the purpose of reviewing the draft of the Tree Ordinance of April 2015. This draft had been scheduled to be presented to the Village Board at the April 22, 2015 Board meeting. However, due to questions pertaining to reduction of the minimum amount of acreage affected by the ordinance and the reduction in the diameter of trees and tree inches which was proposed to be included in a survey, the presentation was cancelled and not placed on the agenda.

The April 22, 2015 draft shows that the recommended changes were indicated in red throughout the ordinance.
Any changes in numbering were shown in red starting with Section 2. Any words added were in red and underlined.

The draft of April 22, 2015 was reviewed by the Sub-committee in its entirety. If there are any changes or differences from those recommendations of last year, they are shown in these minutes and in the new draft. The previous 2015 recommendations agreed upon during the January 21 meeting continue to be included in red in the proposed new draft. However, they are not repeated word for word in these minutes.

The Committee members concentrated on changes pertaining to the minimum acreage that would apply to the ordinance and the reduction for tree diameter and inches included in a survey, any increased costs, and additions shown where words are underlined. They were items: 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 3.2.c, d, f, 5.1.b., 6.2, 6.3.b, **added 6.2.f,** 8.3, 9.5 last paragraph, 9.6.

2.11: Protected Tree – agreed to change from 50% to 25% depending on the size of the current Illinois Big Tree Champions List;

2.12: Significant Tree – agreed to change from 6 to 3 inches or greater in diameter for definition of Significant Tree;
2.13: Significant Vegetation – agreed to definition and examples;

3.2.c: **DISAGREED with 2015 recommendation of two acres** and **recommended one acre minimum** to which the ordinance would apply;

3.2.d, e., f:
agreed to three additional paragraphs for building additions, damaged or destroyed buildings, and public utilities;

5.1.b: agreed to include trees of less than three inches in preservation for sustainability;
6.2: agreed to increase tree size replacement in inches and increase cost of size of tree per inch for restitution;
6.2.b: agreed to change from ten percent to five percent of trees planted from any one tree species; agreed to changes in Appendix numbering;

6.2.f: **ADDITIONAL ITEM – ADD WORDING:**
"Restitution and installation shall be made within two years (24 months of removal of trees)";

8.3: agreed to financial calculation change from $125 to $150 per inch for performance guarantee;
Did not discuss that the "financial guarantee shall be calculated as follows. Twenty-five (25%) percent of total Significant Tree and Protected Tree inches shown as preserved that are.....

9.5: Stop Work Order – CHECK OTHER ORDINANCES TO COMPARE WHETHER TO INCREASE the amount of $75 per occurrence.
9.6: Stop Work Order Violation – CHECK OTHER ORDINANCES TO COMPARE WHETHER TO INCREASE $250 to $1,000 per day for violations to a higher amount.

Since item 2.11 (definition of Protected Tree) is recommended to be determined by 25% instead of 50% of the current Illinois Big Tree Champions, Kathy Kudla will use 25% to calculate the results. The outcome for the trees sizes would be used in the required future tree surveys. The information will be attached to the 1-21-16 minutes and it is intended that the sizes be presented as examples to the Village Board.

Information is to be found for Stop Work Order items 9.5 and 9.6. Information on dollar amount comparisons will be shared. The Committee will discuss whether to increase the costs upon hearing the information.

The new draft created by the Sub-Committee on January 21, 2016 will be presented to the Environment Committee for review.

All Attachments need to be reviewed and updated where and if necessary for current Illinois Big Tree Champions, Species of Concern, Approved Native Tree List, Approved Native Shrub List, Approved Non-Native Trees and Shrubs, Recommended Trees for Planting Under Utility Lines, Recommended Street Tree List, Trees Not Recommended for Planting, Noxious Plant Material List, Tree Protection Detail, Protective Sedimentation Fence/Silt Fence, and Silt Fence Section.

At a future date, Chairman Sweas will contact Homer Glen Planning Director Mike Schwarz. Since the recommendation for item 2.11 Protected Trees is to change from 50% to 25% of the size of a tree from the current Illinois Big Tree Champions List, it will affect the outcome of a tree survey. Therefore, the Committee is seeking one or more completed surveys based on the 50% requirement to compare to the new recommendation of 25%. The results are intended to provide examples to the Village Board when the draft is presented.

Chairman Sweas will also speak with Planner Mike Schwarz about Waterfall Glen. Since concrete from 159th will be dumped and stored on the Waterfall Glen property, how will the concrete affect the existing trees and what will be the consequences for replacement and restitution by the developer? Will

the concrete volume, intensity, truck activity and work involved affect more trees than if the property were only being developed according to the original plan? Will any trees be left to be saved?

The motion to adjourn was made by Kathy Kudla and seconded by Randy Juras. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Margaret Sabo