

Memo

To: Trustee Mason
From: Robert Kosin
cc: Board of Trustees, Village President
Date: February 19, 2016
Re: Plan Commission Meeting 2/8

The Plan Commission held a special meeting on February 8th. The principle items of business were the review of the Tree Preservation Ordinance.

Representing CFC, Merdith Tucker presented the environmental value of planting and nurturing native species of trees. CFC has an annual sale of native trees and bushes. The sale has been the source for the replacement of the ash trees on the Village Hall property. Landscape architect, Amy Olsen who made the second presentation regarding other municipal experiences in the Chicago region of tree preservation.

The Commission received a draft of the working ordinance with highlights on the subject of plant diversity, forestry standards and fees in lieu of planting prepared after advisement of Commissioner Joyce and the Village Forester. The technique of performance guarantees was introduced from experiences in other municipalities. No action was required of the Commission but the members requested a line by line draft for future review. The Commission will discuss in greater detail the likely process of fees as an alternative to planting and performance guarantees at their next regularly scheduled meeting in April.

The meeting packet of the Plan Commission including documents from the presenters can be found at

barringtonhills-il.gov/archive/plancomm/2016/packets/2016_02_PCS_Agenda.pdf