

# Village of Deer Park Tree Committee Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Deer Park Village Office Conference Room  
23680 W. Cuba Road, Deer Park, Illinois 60010

## 1) Pledge of Allegiance

A meeting of the Tree Committee of the Village of Deer Park was held on October 26, 2023, 8:30 a.m. at Village Office Conference Room, 23680 W. Cuba Road, in the Village of Deer Park, in the Counties of Lake and Cook, Illinois. Assistant to the Administrator Kasregis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## 2) Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Upon roll call, the following were present: Committee Chair Olson, Committee Members Assistant to the Administrator Kasregis and Village Arborist Kelly of Davey Trees. Others present included Village Building, Zoning and Development Coordinator Doniec and Clerk Kelly.

## 3) Approval of Agenda

*Motion: Committee Chair Olson moved, and Committee Member Kasregis seconded to approve agenda for October 26, 2023.*

Upon Roll Call:

*Ayes: Olson, Kelly, Kasregis*

*(3) Ayes / (0) Nays / (0) Absent*

*Motion Carried 3/0*

## 4) Approval and Release of Tree Committee Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2022.

*Motion: Committee Member Kasregis moved, and Committee Chair Olson seconded to approve October 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes.*

Upon Roll Call:

*Ayes: Olson, Kelly, Kasregis*

*(3) Ayes / (0) Nays / (0) Absent*

*Motion Carried 3/0*

## 5) Public Comments – Comments are limited to 5-minute time limit per person.

No Public was in attendance.

## 6) Review Proposed Changes to Chapter 95.

Committee discussed edits to the Tree Code. Discussion of beavers damaging trees by waterways, no damage by beavers in the Village Parks. John Kelly assesses the park's trees annually, if damage is seen by beavers he will address as an as needed basis. Discussion of adding the additional section to the Tree code to include the visibility triangle. After discussing this, the Committee would like to suggest additional wording to the code for visibility. Discussion of right of way maintenance for shrubs and trees to send letters to homeowners to trim back existing branches and no new plantings in the right of way. The Village only trims trees in the right of way if Ela reports that the snowplow can't maneuver. Committee member Kasregis will review other Village right of way maintenance and visibility for suggestions to Tree Code. The Tree Committee members will host an additional meeting to discuss proposed changes to present amended code 95 to the Village Board.

## 7) Review of 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Tree Plan.

Tree Committee discussed the budget of tree watering, tree removals, tree plantings and treatment for the Village of Deer Park Tree Committee Meeting Minutes October 26, 2023

2024-2025 budget for the Ash Bore treatment to the 57 ash bore trees in Village Parks.

**8) Discussion of 2024 Tree USA Recognition**

Committee Member Kasregis stated she applied and submitted application for Tree USA in September and she is applying for the growth award. Discussion of the 2024 Arbor Day, the 2023 Arbor Day was wonderful, and the residents did come to get their saplings. We would like Davey Tree to do the same kind of presentation for the 2024 Arbor Day celebration and the Village will reach out to the same vendor for the wonderful tree saplings as give aways. Committee Chair Olson stated that the healthy tree saplings have taken root and are doing very well.

**9) Any Old / New Business**

Discussion of the removal of Buckthorn from Old Farm Park, but also concerned about the privacy, behind is Lake Zurich properties. Discussion of removing the Buckthorn in phases to not disturb the privacy. Committee member Kelly stated he would look into the cost and the process for budgeting in 2024 and 2025. Committee Member Kelly stated that someone at Micheal D'Angelo Park has trimmed the Dog Wood Cherry trees round and this will hurt the growth of the tree, it is not to be trimmed. Committee Member Kasregis will look to see how that happened in the Village Park as the Village did not direct anyone to trim the trees.

**10) Adjournment**

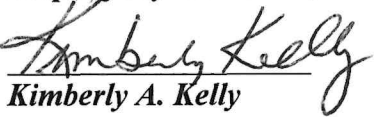
*Motion: Committee Chair Olson moved, and Committee Member Kasregis seconded to adjourn at 9:29 a.m.*

Upon Voice Call:

*Ayes: Olson, Kelly, Kasregis  
(3) Ayes / (0) Nays/ (0) Absent*

*Motion Carried 3/0*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

  
*Kimberly A. Kelly*  
*Village Clerk*

  
*Keith Olson*  
*Committee Chair*