



CITY OF PARK RIDGE

MINUTES

TREE PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

**Tuesday, August 31, 2010
6:00 p.m. Meeting
Mayor's Conference Room
Park Ridge City Hall**

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- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joan Sandrik, Sandra Deines, Laura Kenter and Melissa Langan
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chester Dick
- ALDERMEN PRESENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** W. Zingsheim, T. Gliot and M. Tomlinson

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 29, 2010

The minutes of the June 29, 2010 meeting were approved.

II. GOALS – DEVELOPMENT / RESOLUTION

No discussion.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Director Zingsheim handed out a memo he received from City Forester Gliot regarding parkway trees, stating that he was distributing it solely as a courtesy for the Committee to have the information. Pat Livensparger, 413 Courtland, said that it shouldn't be given out, as it was not the agenda. Director Zingsheim replied that although he disagreed with her about it being required on the agenda, he would collect the memo back from the Committee members. *(Note: City Attorney Hill has verified that the distribution of the memo was not required to be on the agenda.)*

B. Review of Draft Ordinance – Article 15, Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code

The Task Force continued to review the revised draft of Article 15, Chapter 18 of the Municipal Code.

Discussion ensued and consensus was reached on the following:

15-18-3, Removal of Trees on Private Property Prohibited – Committee asked whether “10 inches” needed to be added. City Forester Gliot replied that it did not.

15-8-4, Pruning – spell out in full “ANSI” the first time it appears in the ordinance. Also have the City Attorney clarify if this section is included here due to liability issues.

15-18-5, ISA Certification Required – check with the City Attorney if this is legal to include.

15-18-6, Permit Required for Removal of Protected Trees – City Forester Gliot to add list of what trees can’t be removed.

15-18-8, Protected Tree Removal – City Forester Gliot said that what trees can’t be removed had not been addressed here. He will include in section 15-18-6.

15-18-14, Appeals – City Forester Gliot confirmed that the Committee’s intent is that appeals are solely for looking at denied appeals; for example, if a resident thinks that the forester’s interpretation is wrong, then the committee would listen to the resident’s view on the matter. Appeals would not involve any situations regarding violations, as a ticket would have been issued, with a court date assigned. City Forester Gliot will confirm this with the City Attorney.

City Forester Gliot noted that permitting the removal of “healthy” buffer zone trees without replacement was not consistent with the rest of the Tree Preservation ordinance, and he expressed his opinion that requiring buffer zone trees to be replaced is prudent. No clear consensus was reached on this matter.

Committee requested that a clean copy of the revised ordinance, without the lined-out items, be provided at the next meeting.

IV. RESIDENT INPUT

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING – September 21, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mayor’s Conference Room