

CONSERVANCY & SCENIC CORRIDOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM
March 3 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Kelley Smith Chairman, Jeanette Burger, and Rob Seitz.

Members absent; Sharon DalCompo, Maggie McCCasey

Also present: Jim Hogue, Village Planner

VISITOR BUSINESS;

There was no visitor business.

MEETING MINUTES – December 2, 2020

Commissioner Burger made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Seitz to accept the December 2, 2020 draft meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote all aye.

OLD APPLICATIONS: NONE

NEW APPLICATIONS: NONE

OTHER BUSINESS;

a). **Route 22 Landscape Plan –Review & Comment**

Village Trustee O’Conner asked (10.7.20 meeting) if the CSCC could review the proposed landscape plans for the Route 22 widening. Specifically, she asked if CSCC would review the plantings and make suggestions, particularly as it relates to any proposed native plantings.

The goal of this review is to forward information to IDOT for consideration in the Route 22 landscape plans. If acceptable to IDOT, this plant species mix could serve as model for future landscape planting along roadways. This “big picture” goal is to provide a uniform look to roadway plantings village wide.

The CSCC finalized their review of the Route 22 Landscape Plan. Their comments are included for consideration by the Village Board.

b.) **Discussion of natural plantings on landscape islands (Rt. 22; Rt. 83 & O.M.R entering the CBD).**

Planner Hogue reiterated this was not a high priority of the Board and the direction from the Board was to explore the possibilities of natural plantings in medians on a preliminary basis. The CSCC has assemble a framework document (based discussion and research findings) for landscape medinas w/ emphasis on natural plantings, including suggested plant species.

The identification costs for plant materials, installation and initial & on-going maintenance of is still being worked on. A cost per square foot determination seems most useful.

Installation of “test plots” for the OMR medians continues to be the initial priority with regard to the use of natural planning in landscape islands.

Further discussion and input from the CSCC is anticipated.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING; Commissioner Burger moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Seitz. On a voice vote, all aye. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. Hogue

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