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>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IT IS 6:00 P.M. AND I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THIS MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD ORDER.

CLERK WATERS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL. I'M SORRY.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> HERE, BUT LEAVING AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

HE IS - I AM NOT LOGGED IN AT ALL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HE WILL CATCH US IN THE NEXT ROOM.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

NOW WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION, RASHIDA, TO DO WHAT?

>>VILLAGE ATTORNEY: WE HAVE TWO EXEMPTIONS, DISCUSSION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETINGS - MEETING MINUTES PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) FROM JANUARY 23, 2024 AND MEETING WITH EXTERNAL AUDITOR TO DISCUSS INTERNAL CONTROL WEAKNESSES AND IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL FRAUD RISK AREAS PURSUANT TO 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(29).

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ENYIA.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> YES.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

TRUSTEE WESLEY.

PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

WE WILL SEE YOU ALL IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

[EXECUTIVE SESSION]

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: ARE YOU READY?

SO IT IS 7:59 PM - WE CONVENE OUR REGULAR MEETING.

CLERK WATERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE STRAW.

>> HERE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> HERE.

>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HERE.

TRUSTEE WESLEY IS DISPUTING REMOTELY PER OUR PROTOCOLS.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE ENYIA AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

ALL IN FAVOR?

AYE.

HEARING NO NAY'S THE MOTION PASSES.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN AND TRUSTEE MEMBERS, WE WANT TO START THE VILLAGE MANAGERS UPDATE WITH A BRIEF UPDATE, QUARTERLY UPDATE FROM PETE'S.

THE LAST ONE WAS IN SEPTEMBER AND WE HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PETE'S TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE PROJECT.

CAM WILL KICK IT OFF OR IS.

>> THANK YOU VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON AND VILLAGE BOARD, GOOD TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT.

CAMERON DAVIS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES. BACK IN JANUARY - BACK IN JANUARY 2023 THE VILLAGE BOARD APPROVED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE RDA REGARDING THE PEAK DEVELOPMENT AND AT THE TIME THE VILLAGE BOARD ASKED PETE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO APPEAR ROUGHLY QUARTERLY, IN PERSON, HERE TO THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE PROJECT.

AS A VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON MENTIONED THEY CAME HERE MAY 2023 AND NOW JANUARY 2024.

THE VILLAGE MANAGER AND I BOTH DID INVITE STEPHANIE, WHO IS A OWNERSHIP REPRESENTATIVE TO BE HERE TONIGHT.

SHE INITIALLY THOUGHT SHE COULD BE HERE AND SHE EMAILED THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL US THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.

EUGENE IS REPRESENTING OWNERSHIP AS HE HAS PREVIOUSLY AND I WILL INVITE HIM UP TO GIVE HIS UPDATE.

>>SPEAKER: GOOD EVENING.

HOW ARE YOU GUYS?

ALL IS WELL?

STEPHANIE WAS GOING TO BE ATTENDING, BUT SHE COULD NOT.

SHE HAD SOME CHILD ISSUES WITH HER CHILD.

SHE RESPONDED AND WANTED ME TO TELL EVERYBODY THAT SHE APOLOGIZES FOR NOT BEING HERE, BUT OFFERING ANY COMMENTS AND CAN ANSWER ANY COMMENTS YOU HAVE REGARDING OWNERSHIP.

TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON PEDS, THE DRAWINGS ARE IN THE VILLAGE RIGHT NOW OR PERMITTING.

I SPOKE WITH BILL AND IT SEEMS LIKE WE WILL HAVE SOME SMALL COMMENTS TO GET THAT PERMITTED AND WE WILL START OUR EARTH RETENTION SHEETING AND EXCAVATION.

OUR NEW ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT IS DOING VERY WELL WITH THE DRAWINGS.

WE ANTICIPATE THOSE DRAWINGS TO BE SUBMITTED - MARCH, MID MARCH.

THEN THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE INTERIOR, WHICH THE BUILDOUT OF THE INTERIOR MAY BE DONE BY THAT TIME, BUT IF IT IS NOT IT WILL BE A SEPARATE PERMIT THAT WILL BE IN FEBRUARY.

THAT DOES NOT HOLD US UP IN ANY WAY WITH OUR CONSTRUCTION BECAUSE WE ARE DOING IN TWO PARTS.

THE SHELL AND THEN THE INTERIOR BUILD.

ONCE THE RETENTION SYSTEM IS COMPLETE WE ARE ABLE TO START THE FOUNDATION AND ROLL THAT INTO THE BUILDING ITSELF OF THE CORE OF THE SHELL AND WE WILL START WITH THE INTERIOR.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY, COULD YOU MAYBE JUST TIME IT OUT BY MONTH.

WHAT WILL WE SEE IN FAVOR, MARCH, APRIL,

>> SOON AS WE GET THE PERMIT THERE WILL BE US MIDDLE DRAWING PACKAGE THAT WILL BE SUBMIT IT BACK TO THE VILLAGE PART OF THE EARTH RETENTION SYSTEM.

THEY HAS A LOT MORE DETAIL IN THAT PACKAGE.

IT WILL BE SHARED WITH THE VILLAGE TO MAKE SURE THERE IS NO OTHER THINGS WE MISSED AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO - WE ALREADY RELEASED HER SHEETING TO GET THE ORDER FOR THE SHEETING TO IMPLEMENT IT SO AS SOON AS THE PERMIT DROPS WE CAN GET THE CONTRACT ON BOARD AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE REGISTERED THE VILLAGE AND WE CAN START OUR EARTH RETENTION SHEETING.

WILL START OUR SHEETING AND THEN EXCAVATION.

THAT IS ABOUT 30 DAYS FOR SHEETING AND ABOUT 60 DAYS ROUGHLY FOR EXCAVATION.

RIGHT NOW WE ARE LOOKING AT A LIGHT WINTER SO THAT WILL BE A PLUS. RAIN DOES NOT HURT US TOO MUCH AND WE WILL BE DOING WATER PUMPING AND THINGS LIKE THAT TO HELP.

HELP PUSH THAT PROCESS THROUGH, BUT AT THE SAME TIME THEN THE PERMITS FOR THE COURSE SHALL WILL BE SUBMITTED SO WE WILL DO EXCAVATION AND REVIEWING THOSE DRAWINGS AND BACK AND FORTH.

SO THE COURSE SHALL, A STRINGENT REVIEW WILL BE ON THE INTERIOR BUILD, FIRE AND THIS AND THAT, BUT THE BUILDING ITSELF SHOULD GO PRETTY SMOOTHLY.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THE LAST UPDATE YOU MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF NEEDING AN EXTENSION BEYOND JUNE 2024.

IT SEEMS LIKE THAT MAY NOT BE NEEDED ANYMORE.

AM I HEARING YOU CORRECTLY?

>>SPEAKER: WINTER IS BEING GOOD AND THE WAY IT LOOKS, WE'RE LOOKING AT THE HIGH-30S AND 40S. I SAW ROBINS THE OTHER DAY, WHICH I WAS SURPRISED.

MAYBE IN EARLY SPRING.

GROUNDHOG DAY TOMORROW I THINK.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: YOU MENTIONED AN ISSUE WITH YOUR ARCHITECT LEAVING THE FIRM AND THE FIRM AND ALL OF THAT.

>>SPEAKER: ALL THAT IS MOVING ALONG QUITE NICELY. THEY GOT THEIR HEAD WRAPPED AROUND THE PROJECT.

WE SPENT HOURS AND HOURS WITH THEM AND THEY NEEDED TO DIVULGE.
ANY ARCHITECT WILL NOT TAKE ANOTHER ARCHITECTS WORK AND THEY WILL JUST
COPY AND PASTE IT.

THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WORK SO THEY STARTED FROM SCRATCH, BUT
THEY ARE REALLY MOVING FORWARD.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

SO THE POTENTIAL FOR ANOTHER EXTENSION MAY NOT EVEN BE NEEDED, AND I
UNDERSTAND YOU ARE STILL TAKING IT STEP-BY-STEP, BUT THAT SEEMS TO BE
MORE DEFINITIVE LAST UPDATE, BUT NOW THERE SEEMS TO BE A SHIFT?

>>SPEAKER: WE ARE PUSHING THROUGH, WE MEET WITH THEM TWICE A WEEK
AND THINGS ARE GOING VERY WELL.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I THINK THAT LAST PIECE YOU JUST SHARED IS
REALLY SO CRITICAL, AT LEAST FOR ME TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT PETE'S -
WHAT THEIR PLAN IS MOVING FORWARD JUST TO ELIMINATE ANY POTENTIAL OR
ANTICIPATED DELAYS AND THE FACT THAT YOU ARE MEETING ON THE SCHEDULE
YOU ARE - I'M GLAD YOU SHARE THAT BECAUSE I REALLY HAVE NOT IN
PREVIOUS UPDATES TO BE PERFECTLY HONEST, I HAVE NOT REALLY HEARD THAT
LEVEL OF PROACTIVE NESTS.

TO HEAR THAT NOW I THINK IS VERY REFRESHING AND VERY REASSURING AS
WELL GIVEN - AND I HAVE ITEMIZED IT BEFORE, BUT WE HAVE A PRETTY
SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN A SUBSIDIZED ELEMENT AND WE ARE ALREADY PAST
THE ROI WINDOW.

WE ARE KIND OF COMING UP TO THE MIDWAY POINT AT LEAST IN TERMS OF WHEN
WE EXPECTED A RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT.

SO THAT LEVEL OF PROACTIVE NESTS IS HUGE, SO THANK YOU FOR SHARING
THAT.

I WOULD JUST ADD - IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT STEPHANIE COULD NOT BE HERE
THIS EVENING, BUT I THINK SHOULD FUTURE DELAYS REALLY BE SOMETHING
THAT YOU NEED TO SHARE WITH THE BOARD, INCLUDING AN ADDITIONAL
EXTENSION, I REALLY WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SOME
OWNERSHIP PRESENCE HERE.

>>SPEAKER: SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT.

SHE WANTED TO BE HERE, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED WITH HER CHILD.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I GET IT.

SOMETIMES THAT HAPPENS, BUT GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE TIMELINE HAS BEEN
PUSHED OUT SO MUCH, SO SIGNIFICANTLY DELAYED, INCLUDING THE TIMEFRAME
THAT WE WERE EXPECTING SALES TAX REVENUE, LIQUOR TAX REVENUE,
DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE.

TO HAVE THAT.

>>SPEAKER: NO DIFFERENT THAN US KNOWING THE REVENUE WE ARE GOING
TO GENERATE THE VILLAGE.

WE UNDERSTAND IT.

OTHER THINGS WE HAVE BEEN PROACTIVE ON IS SYSTEMS, SYSTEMS THAT RUN
THE STORE, ALL ARE ORDERED AND THEY ARE ALMOST 80% COMPLETE.

SO WE ARE READY FOR THOSE SYSTEMS AND THEIR COMING OUT.

NO DELAY FOR OUR SYSTEMS.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: OKAY.

BUILDING PERMIT WISE, CAM, HOW DOES THAT FIT INTO THE TIMELINE?

>>SPEAKER: I WANT TO STEP BACK FOR A MINUTE BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY IS ON THE SAME PAGE FOR THIS.

THE RDA THAT WAS CONSIDERED LAST JANUARY, RIGHT?

IT HAS THE OCCUPANCY PERMIT HAPPENING IN JUNE 2024.

THAT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

THAT MEANS A BUILDING IS UP, IT IS COMPLETELY INSPECTED, EVERYTHING IS DONE, THEY ARE READY TO CUT THE RIBBON AND SO YOU WILL HAVE ANOTHER RDA COMING BACK BEFORE YOU RENEGOTIATED IN SOME FASHION BEFORE JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

OKAY?

I THINK THAT MAYBE HAS BEEN TOLD TO YOU PREVIOUSLY, BUT I WANTED MAKE SURE IT WAS COMPLETELY CLEAR BASED ON THESE LAST COUPLE COMMENTS.

THEY ARE BEHIND, EVERYBODY KNOWS THEY ARE BEHIND AND THEY WILL NOT HAVE AN OCCUPANCY PERMIT BY JUNE 2024.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT CAN HAPPEN.

THAT IS FAIR, RIGHT?

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: TO BE DISTINGUISH FROM THE BUILDING PERMIT?

>> BUILDING PERMIT WISE, JUST THIS WEEK, SO YOU KNOW THEY RECEIVED A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PERMITS.

FENCE PERMITS AND EVERYTHING.

THEY HAVE A LOT OF UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND IT WAS ALL PERMITTED.

THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY PERMITS RELATED TO THE BUILDING STRUCTURE UNTIL THIS WEEK.

SO THAT SHEET PILING PERMIT THAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT, THEY HAVE TO PUT STUFF IN THE GROUND IN ORDER TO DO THE FOUNDATION AND THAT JUST CAME IN THIS WEEK.

UNFORTUNATELY IT WAS PUT IN, IT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR AND IT WAS PUT IN BY THEM UNDER A DIFFERENT PERMIT.

EVEN ON THE DAY THEY MAY HAVE PUT IN, IT MAY HAVE BEEN TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY, BUT WE DID NOT KNOW IT BECAUSE IT WAS A SEPARATE PERMIT.

TODAY HE KNOWS THAT HE HAS TO HAVE HIS STAFF PUT IT IN A DIFFERENT WAY AND THEN WE WILL BEGIN THE REVIEW PROCESS AS EARLY AS TOMORROW.

DEPENDING ON HOW DETAILED WHAT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND IF OUR STAFF IS COMFORTABLE WITH IT WE COULD ISSUE THAT PERMIT VERY QUICKLY.

IF THERE ARE ADDITIONAL THINGS THAT ARE NEEDED THEY WILL PROVIDE THOSE AND IT WILL BE REVIEWED.

WE ARE COMMITTED TO ISSUING PERMITS AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO HAVE TO PROTECT EVERYBODY'S INTEREST.

THAT WILL BE THE FIRST PERMIT THAT IS SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO THE BUILDING.

THAT IS FAIR TO SAY.

SO THAT WAS JUST SUBMITTED THIS WEEK.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: SINCE SHE IS NOT HERE AND SHE RAISED IT LAST TIME, JUST TO CLARIFY, TRUSTEE BUCHANAN ASKED ABOUT THE ELECTRIFICATION ORDINANCE. WHICH PERMIT TRIGGERS THAT ORDINANCE?

>> THEY ARE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THEY DID NOT GET BUILDING PERMITS IN LAST YEAR THAT THEY ARE SUBJECT TO THE ELECTRIFICATION ORDINANCE THAT IS IN PLACE THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD HAS APPROVED. THEY ARE AWARE OF THAT AND I CAN VERBALLY EXPLAIN THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF IT.

THEY WILL NEED TO ABIDE BY WHAT WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR AND WHAT IS IN THE BOOKS NOW.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IS THE BUILDING PERMIT THAT TRIGGERS THAT AND MAKES IT FALL UNDER THAT ORDINANCE?

>>CAMERON DAVIS: CORRECT.

THEY DID NOT GET IT IN SUBSTANTIVELY AND IT WILL BE SUBMITTED AT SOME POINT THIS YEAR AND BE SUBJECT TO THAT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: IF I RECALL THE LAST UPDATE THAT THE MANAGER GAVE, YOU WERE 80% - I REMEMBER AN 80% NUMBER YOU HAD. YOU WERE ABOUT 80% IN COMPLIANCE WITH THAT. IT DID NOT SEE AN ISSUE WITH THAT?

>> THE ONLY THING THAT WE CAN BE MORE ELECTRIC IS OUR RTU SYSTEM, WE ARE LOOKING AT DOING ELECTRIC HEAT OR USING OUR HOT WATER SYSTEMS TO CREATE THAT HEAT FOR THE BUILDING.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: PERFECT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE, CAM AND (NAME?). TWO QUESTIONS.

ONE IS, FOR THE OCCUPANCY DATE, DO YOU HAVE A CURRENT VIEW ON WHAT THAT MIGHT BE?

BASED ON CURRENT KNOWLEDGE?

>> I DO NOT YET UNTIL WE HAVE THOSE DRAWINGS IN THE VILLAGE FOR PERMITS, ACTUAL BUILDING DRAWINGS. THE BUILDING DRAWINGS.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO WHAT IS THAT?

>>SPEAKER: MARCH.

MARCH IS WHEN WE WILL HAVE THE TRIGGER IN AND THAT WILL BE MY TRIGGER DATE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: MARCH.

IS IT POSSIBLE TO GET A WRITTEN UPDATE?

EVEN IF IT'S NOT A VERBAL UPDATE ON THAT TRIGGER AND WHAT THAT MEANS FROM AN OCCUPANCY DATE AT SOME POINT?

>>SPEAKER: YES, YES.

I AM COMFORTABLE TO GIVE YOU THAT THEY ONCE THAT IS SUBMITTED.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SECOND QUESTION IS, I THINK THE NEXT QUARTERLY UPDATE IS SOMETIME IN THAT MARCH OR APRIL TIMEFRAME BEFORE WE BREAK, RIGHT?

SO ALL THINGS GOING THE WAY YOU WANTED IT TO GO, WHAT WOULD THE UPDATE LOOK LIKE IF YOU VENTURE?

>>SPEAKER: LIKE I SAID WE WILL HAVE THE COURSE SHELL, YOU WILL HAVE THE INTERIOR BUILD.

IT MAY COME IN AT THE SAME TIME, BUT IF NOT WE WILL HAVE THE COURSE SHELL IN AND THE INTERIOR BUILD A SET WILL BE IN APRIL.

THOSE TWO DATES WITH EITHER THE COURSE SHELL - THEY KIND OF FOLLOW EACH OTHER, RIGHT?

THEY ARE WORKING ON THEM TOGETHER, BUT IT IS NOT GOING TO LIMIT OR STOP US FROM KEEPING PROGRESS GOING.

HOPEFULLY WE WILL HAVE THE WHOLE SET, BUT BY APRIL, THAT DATE, THAT TRIGGERS MY ACTUAL DATE AND I AM GOING TO BE SUBMITTED - AND OF COURSE THE VILLAGE WILL NEED TIME TO REVIEW AND MAKE THEIR COMMENTS, COME BACK TO US AND THEN THAT STILL, I KNOW THAT PROCESS, THAT WILL TRIGGER MY DATE FOR THE OPENING DAY.

OR OCCUPANCY DATE.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: COOL.

LAST QUESTION, IN TERMS OF PETE'S INVESTMENT, HOW MUCH HAVE YOU INVESTED SO FAR?

YOU SAID YOU HAVE ORDERED A BUNCH OF THE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FROM A CONSTRUCTION PERSPECTIVE.

>>SPEAKER: WE WILL LOOK AT THE STORM TRAP SYSTEM THAT IS IMPLEMENTED FOR THE CIVIL WORK, THE WHOLE PARKING LOT CIVIL WORK IS COMPLETE, EXCEPT FOR CURB AND ASPHALT. FROM THAT POINT ALL OF THE UTILITY RELOCATIONS, RACK SYSTEMS, WE ARE PROBABLY \$6.5 MILLION INTO IT.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ALREADY INTO IT AND COME APRIL WHAT ARE WE LOOKING?

>>SPEAKER: AT THAT POINT I WILL HAVE A SHEETING IN THE GROUND, EXCAVATION, YOU'RE LOOKING AT ANOTHER \$2 MILLION. SO YOU WILL HAVE ABOUT \$8.5 MILLION,

>> OTHER ORDERS WILL BE OUT FOR OUR CASES, THINGS LIKE THAT, COOLERS, ALL THE OTHER COMPONENTS.

THE MAIN THING I TALK ABOUT WHEN I TALK ABOUT REFRIGERATION IS THE RACK SYSTEM THAT CONDENSES AND THAT LEAVES THE STORE.

THOSE ARE THE MAIN THINGS WE PUSHED OUT AHEAD OF TIME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OTHER COMMENTS?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO AT THIS POINT ABLE TO GIVE US ANY EXPECTATION OF WHEN YOU EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO TAKE OCCUPANCY?

>> WHAT?

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEN THE STORE IS GOING TO OPEN.

>> UNCOMFORTABLE TO GIVE YOU THAT WHEN I SUBMIT FOR THAT IN MARCH OR IF YOU WANT TO DO IT AT THE NEXT QUARTERLY I CAN GIVE YOU THAT HARD DATE.

I DO NOT WANT TO GIVE YOU A DATE THAT MIGHT CHANGE WITHIN - EVEN IF IT CHANGES BY TWO WEEKS I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU THAT.

I WANT TO GIVE YOU THE DATE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WHEN THERE WAS ACTUALLY WORK OCCURRING AT THE SITE?

>>SPEAKER: RIGHT BEFORE THE WINTER TIME ACTUALLY.

SO THERE WAS DECOMMISSIONING OF THE POWER HOLES, WHICH IS TWO PARTS. THE COMED COMES IN, THEY TAKE THEIR LINE, THEY CUT THE POLE AND THEN YOU HAVE TO WAIT FOR AT&T TO COME IN AND THEY TAKE THE STUFF AND THEN THEY PULL THE POLE.

DURING THAT TIME WE LOST OUR ARCHITECT.

SO THEN WE HAD TO GET A NEW ARCHITECT.

SO YOU ARE IN THE HOLIDAY, THIS AND THAT, BUT LIKE I SAID OUR ARCHITECT WILL TAKE CONTROL OF THE PROJECT AND ITS FULL STEAM AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: OKAY.

YOU KNOW, I KNOW FOR OUR RESIDENTS IT IS EXTREMELY FRUSTRATING WHEN THE VILLAGE HAS INVESTED SO MUCH INTO THIS PROJECT AND THEY ARE DRIVING BY AN EMPTY LOT AND NOT SEEING ANY PROGRESS ON THAT LOT. I UNDERSTAND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS HAD TO DEAL WITH COMED MYSELF THAT THE OCCASIONAL DELAYS THAT HAVE BEEN THERE.

I UNDERSTAND LOSING HER ARCHITECT.

EACH OF THESE THINGS INDIVIDUALLY I UNDERSTAND, AND AT THE SAME TIME IT IS HARD TO CONVEY HOW FRUSTRATING IT IS FOR RESIDENTS WHEN THERE IS A MASSIVE, EMPTY LOT WITH A CONSTRUCTION FENCE OR NOTHING IS HAPPENING AND THEY ARE DRIVING BY DAY AFTER DAY, WEEK AFTER WEEK, MONTH AFTER MONTH AND SEEING NOTHING GOING ON.

>>SPEAKER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT AS WELL, TRUST ME, WE DO.

IT IS OUR INVESTMENT, TOO, ON OUR END.

SO WE LOOK AT BOTH PARTS OF IT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I UNDERSTAND.

I WANTED TO REITERATE THAT AND COMMUNICATE THAT AND I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE NOT COMFORTABLE GIVING US A TIMELINE TO OCCUPANCY AT THIS POINT, MAYBE THREE MONTHS FROM NOW, BUT AS WE ARE GOING INTO GETTING THIS REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, RENEGOTIATED, I THINK THAT UNDERSTANDING THE FRUSTRATION, NOT JUST FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SITTING HERE AT THIS TABLE, BUT FROM ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO WE HEAR FROM WHO ARE SAYING, YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHY YOU NEVER SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT IS SORT OF A BLACK EYE, NOT JUST FOR PEDS, BUT IT IS PEOPLE LESS CONFIDENT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS OVERALL.

SO I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND EVERY TIME WE ARE HAVING THESE UPDATES, REALLY TRY TO GIVE US MORE OF A PRODUCTION OUT INSTEAD OF WELL IN 90 DAYS WE WILL HAVE A HOLE IN THE GROUND AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW MANY RESIDENTS WHO ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HOLE IN THE GROUND.

>>SPEAKER: I UNDERSTAND.

THERE HAVE BEEN TOO MANY HARDSHIPS ON THE PROJECT ITSELF.

I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE YOU A DAY UNTIL I HAVE THAT DAY I CAN LIVE UP TO AND THAT IS REALLY THE KICKOFF DATE IS WHEN I GET INTO THOSE STAGES OF PERMITS, THAT IS THE DRIVING DATE.

ONCE I GIVE YOU THAT DAY, THAT IS THE DATE.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AND THE OTHER COMMENTS?

I DO APPRECIATE YOU BEING HERE TONIGHT, VERY MUCH SHARE THE SENTIMENT SHARED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON THAT IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO SEE STEPHANIE AT ANY FUTURE MEETINGS.

THEY ARE INVESTING IN THIS COMMUNITY AS A FAMILY AND WE - OAK PARK IS INVESTED IN PEDS SIGNIFICANTLY WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

AND I APPRECIATE THE COMMENTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

I DO NOT NEED TO REITERATE THEM, BUT YOU AND I HAVE HAD THE CONVERSATION BEFORE OF GIVE ME THE DATE THAT YOU DON'T EVER HAVE TO COME BACK TO US AND ASK FOR AN EXTENSION AGAIN THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THIS ONE.

>>SPEAKER: I UNDERSTAND, BUT I KNOW HOW CRITICAL THAT DAY IS FOR THE VILLAGE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE DAY I GIVE YOU IS THE DATE, AND IT IS REALLY GEARED OFF OF THAT PERMIT, BUT WHAT I WANT TO SAY TO YOU IS I'M IN A GOOD POSITION KNOWING THAT OUR ARCHITECT HAS FULL CONTROL - THE NEW ARCHITECT OF THE PLANS.

WE MEET TWICE A WEEK AND THEY ARE NOT IN OUR MEETING.

THEY ARE 2-3 HOUR MEETINGS TO MAKE SURE WE ARE COVERING ALL OF OUR BASES AND EVERYTHING IS MOVING VERY WELL.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WHAT I HOPE I AM HEARING IS OAK PARK IS A PRIORITY RIGHT NOW AND WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ALL OF THE SENTIMENT THAT THINGS ARE MOVING FORWARD AND BE POSITIVE ABOUT THAT. BUT IT IS TOUGH, YOU KNOW, WHEN NOTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THIS POINT IS ONE THAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING IS PREDICTABLE.

SO THAT IS WHERE I STILL REMAIN VERY CAUTIOUS AND APPRECIATE THE COMMUNICATION WITH OUR VILLAGE STAFF AND LIKE I SAID, LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM STEPHANIE.

>>SPEAKER: THERE WILL PROBABLY BE MORE COMMUNICATION FROM THE NEW ARCHITECT TO STAFF AS WELL AS WE GET THOSE CRITICAL DRAWINGS AND FOR PERMITTING.

THERE WILL BE A LOT MORE COMMUNICATION HAPPENING BECAUSE, AGAIN, THEY ARE IN CONTROL AND IS MOVING FORWARD.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS ON OUR STREETScape.

THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS - YOU KNOW, THAT DIRECTLY - THE RESIDENTS OF OAK PARK.

>>SPEAKER: I CAN TELL YOU THEY HAVE THEIR OWN RENDERING OF THE DRAWINGS AND THEY HAVE A LARGE SCREEN TV WE PUT IT UP. WE DO DAY AND NIGHT VISIONS, VERY ATTRACTIVE BUILDING. I WILL BE REALLY HAPPY WHEN IT GETS BUILT IT WILL BE A NICE CONTRIBUTION TO THE VILLAGE AS FAR AS THE ARCHITECTURE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: IF SUSAN WERE HERE SHE WOULD SAY, ANYTHING TOWARDS NET ZERO - FORGIVE ALL OF THE PAST IF SHE SEES THAT.

>>SPEAKER: I'M WORKING ON IT. ONLY THING IS SOME OF OUR FOOD EQUIPMENT. THE ONLY THING FOR GAS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU. VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: PRESIDENT SCAMAN INTEREST MEMBERS, I DON'T HAVE ADDITIONAL ITEMS, BUT BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE REST OF THE AGENDA, WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO REALLY QUICKLY IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE A NEW EMPLOYEE IN THE AUDIENCE, HER NAME IS ERIN BAINES, SHE'S THE NEW ASSISTANT TO THE VILLAGE MANAGER. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SUPPORT THAT SHE IS GOING TO PROVIDE TO ME AND THE REST OF THE TEAM IN THE VILLAGE MANAGER'S OFFICE. HE WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTERACT WITH HER SOON AND LEARN ABOUT HER BACK ON. SHE IS COMING TO US FROM THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE AND THAT COMMUNITY SHE SERVED MOST RECENTLY AS MANAGEMENT ANALYST AND THIS IS A PROMOTION FOR HER, AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HER. SHE HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN URBAN STUDIES AND MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC IN MINISTRATION FROM DEPAUL UNIVERSITY. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE HER ON BOARD. JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SHE IS HERE TONIGHT AND YOU WILL SEE HER GOING FORWARD HERE AND ALSO OBVIOUSLY SHE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH ME TO HELP ME.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WELCOME. WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU HERE AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHARING YOUR NEW HIRE WITH US. WE ARE EXCITED.

OKAY.

ARE THERE ANY BOARD COMMITTEES AND TRUSTEE LIAISON COMMISSION REPORTS THAT ANY TRUSTEE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US THIS EVENING?

OKAY.

THE VILLAGE CLERK HAS PROVIDED FOR US THE CURRENT VACANCY REPORT FOR OUR COMMISSIONS AND I WOULD JUST REPEAT THAT ANY MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A BOARD OR COMMISSION PLEASE REACH OUT TO CLERK WATERS AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US.

WE HAVE A LOT OF LOFTY GOALS WE ARE EXCITED TO ENGAGE IN AND WITH OUR COMMISSIONERS.

THANK YOU.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS IT IS PRESENTED.

MOTION, PLEASE?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

ALL IN FAVOR?

AYE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: HEARING NO NAY, MOTION IS APPROVED.

REGULAR AGENDA.

WE HAVE A RESOLUTION TO CONCUR WITH THE COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK'S URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN.

SO WE NEED A MOTION FOR THIS BECAUSE WE WILL BE ADOPTING.

MOTION, PLEASE.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: MOTION BY TRUSTEE WESLEY AND SECONDED BY TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

>>VILLAGE MANAGER: GOING TO LET ROB SPROULE INTRODUCES HIM, BUT I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST - WE'VE ALWAYS HAD A MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IN PLACE FOR OUR URBAN FOREST AND ARE URBAN FOREST IN OAK PARK IS VERY UNIQUE.

IT'S A UNIQUE ASSET FOR US.

WE STAND OUT AS A LEADER IN THE STATE AND POTENTIALLY NATIONWIDE, RIGHT?

WHAT THIS DOES IS THIS REALLY GIVES US A LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN TO MANAGE OUR URBAN FOREST OVERTIME, CONTINUE TO RESERVE THE ASSET, BUT ALSO BUILT ON THE ASSET AND ALSO MEET SOME OF OUR CLIMATE ACTION GOALS.

AS YOU CAN TELL, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS.

OBVIOUSLY IT PUTS US IN A POSITION TO HAVE A VISION FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS AND SO IT LIVES BEYOND US AND SO I'M GOING TO TURN OVER TO ROB TO INTRODUCE IT AND WE WILL HAVE GRANT COME UP AND GIVE US A PRESENTATION ON IT.

>>ROB SPROULE: GOOD EVENING, ROB SPROULE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR. WE WILL BRING THE FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT.

THERE ARE TWO ITEMS BEFORE YOU TONIGHT AND WE WILL JUST KIND OF TALK ABOUT THEM TOGETHER.

ONE IS THE POTENTIAL ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IS A REPLACEMENT TO THE EXISTING CULTURAL SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ORDINANCE CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THAT CHANGE. WE WILL JUST KIND OF TALK ABOUT THEM TOGETHER, BUT THAT IS THE CRUX OF WHAT THOSE TWO ITEMS ARE AND WITHOUT FURTHER ADO I WILL JUST HAVE GRANT A CHANCE, OUR FORESTRY SUPERINTENDENT WHO HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLAN TO GIVE A SHORT PRESENTATION ON THE CURRENT STATE OF THE URBAN FOREST. THE STEPS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN, THE INTENT OF THE PLAN AND TALK ABOUT THE ORDINANCE CHANGES AND THEN WE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

GRANT, IF YOU WANT TO COME UP?

>>GRANT JONES: GOOD EVENING.

I AM GRANT JONES, AND THE FORGERY SUPERINTENDENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME AND SPEAK ABOUT OUR URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON.

I WANT TO START WITH A, A ROUGH OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE ARE WITH OUR - - 18,500 TREES ON VILLAGE PROPERTY.

SO IN THE PARKWAY AND VILLAGE BUILDINGS AND IN THE LAST 10 YEARS WE HAVE LOST A NUMBER OF TREES BECAUSE OF EMERALD ASH BORER AND WE HAVE INVESTED PRETTY HEAVILY IN REPLANTING THE TREES.

OUR TREE INVENTORY WHEN WE LOOK AT IT, WE HAVE A LIST OF OUR SPOTS WHERE WE HAVE TREES AND WHERE WE COULD PUT TREES AND WE LOOK AT THOSE TOGETHER WE HAVE TREES IN OVER 90% OF THOSE SPOTS WHERE WE COULD PLACE THE TREES.

WE REFER TO THAT AS OUR STOCKING DENSITY.

THAT'S A HIGH NUMBER TO HAVE AND THERE'S NOT TOO MANY COMMUNITIES AROUND HERE FROM ILLINOIS OR ELSEWHERE THAT HAVE THAT HIGH OF A STOCKING DENSITY FOR THEIR TREES.

THAT IS A REALLY GOOD INDICATOR FOR THE VILLAGE.

WITH OUR TREE INVENTORY WE HAVE A FULL UPDATE THAT TOOK PLACE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO IN 2014 AND WE INVENTORIED 1/3 OF THE TREES EACH YEAR SO WE ARE ABLE TO TRACK THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE URBAN FOREST OVER THAT 10 YEAR PERIOD.

ONE OF THE THINGS WE ASK OUR CONSULTANT TO DO WHEN THEY DO THE INVENTORY IS TO DO A RATING OF THE STRUCTURE FOR OUR TREES.

THE STRUCTURE WOULD BE WHAT I THINK OF AS THE BONES OF THE TREES.

IF YOU GO AND BUY A HOUSE, A LOT OF TIMES YOU ARE LOOKING TO SEE, DOES THAT HOUSE HAVE GOOD BONES?

DOES IT HAVE A REALLY GOOD STRUCTURE?

IS IT IN GOOD CONDITION?

SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT TREES, THAT STRUCTURE IS PRETTY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT IS GOING TO GO A LONG WAY DICTATING HOW LONG THAT TREE IS GOING TO BE AT THAT SITE.

IT HAS GOOD STRUCTURE, IT WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE STORMS REALLY WELL AND SO IT SHOULD BE THERE FOR A LONGER TIME AND PROVIDE MORE BENEFITS.

SO THEY RATE STRUCTURE ON A 1-5 SCALE.

THREE WOULD BE AVERAGE, ONE WOULD BE SPECIMEN, AND FIVE WOULD BE POOR. OVER SCORE IS GOOD FOR THE TREE.

IT IS IN BETTER CONDITION.

SO THE GREEN LINE IS THAT RESULTS FROM THE INVENTORY UPDATE IN 2023 AND THE GRAY LINE IS FROM 10 YEARS AGO IN 2014 AND WE HAVE MORE TREES THAT ARE IN THAT CATEGORY 2 AND THREE, THAT ABOVE AVERAGE TO AVERAGE CATEGORY THEN WE DID 10 YEARS AGO.

WHEN WE LOOK AT THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM WE HAVE FEWER TREES THAT ARE IN THAT POOR OR VERY POOR CATEGORY THAT WE DID 10 YEARS AGO.

OVERALL STRUCTURE OF THE FOREST HAS IMPROVED.

WE ALSO LOOK PRETTY CLOSELY AT SPECIES DIVERSITY AND THE THINKING BACK TO EMERALD ASH BORER, ONE OF THE AREAS WHERE A LOT OF COMMUNITIES GOT INTO TROUBLE IS THEY HAD TOO MANY ASH TREES IN THE PARKWAY.

EMERALD ASH CAME IN, THEY LOST A LOT OF CANOPY, BUT THE ADDED EXPENSE BECAUSE NOW THE COMMUNITY HAD TO INVEST MORE INTO MOVING THE TREES THAT NORMALLY THEY WOULD NOT THERE WAS REMOVE AND IF THEY CHOSE TO REPLANT THEY WERE ALSO INVESTING IN REPLANTING THOSE TREES.

TO DIVERSIFY OUR URBAN FOREST GOES FAR TOWARDS HEDGING OUR BETS.

WHATEVER PAST PROBLEM COMES DOWN THE ROAD OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE COMES DOWN THE ROAD THAT AFFECTS TREES WILL HOPEFULLY HAVE LESS OF AN IMPACT ON THE URBAN FOREST.

SO AGAIN, THIS IS LOOKING AT TREES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS.

I CANNOT READ IT VERY WELL, BUT THAT BAR IN THE VERY FAR LEFT OF THAT IMAGE IS NORWAY MAPLE AND THAT IS OUR MOST COMMON TREE IN THE PARKWAYS AND ITS NUMBERS HAVE COME DOWN BY ABOUT 500 TREES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS.

THAT IS A REALLY GOOD THING BECAUSE IT HELPS US TO BE ABLE TO REBALANCE OUR URBAN FOREST.

AS WE PLANNED, WE CAN PLANT DIFFERENT SPECIES AND BECOME MORE DIVERSIFIED AND HAVE MORE RESILIENT URBAN FOREST FOR THE FUTURE.

TREE EQUITY IS A BIG THING IN THE WORLD OF URBAN FORESTRY AND IT IS KIND OF BASED ON THE IDEA THAT COMMUNITIES, THEY MAY HAVE PORTIONS THERE'S A LOT OF TREES OR A LOT OF TREE CANOPY COVER AND OTHER PARTS OF TOWN THERE ARE NOT.

SO IT IS LOOKING AT HOW EQUITABLE ARE WE BEING AND HOW DO WE MANAGE AND PLANT OUR URBAN FOREST?

SO THIS IS A SCORE SYSTEM, A NONPROFIT, AMERICAN FOREST DEVELOPED AND IT LOOKS AT CANOPY COVER BY CENSUS BLOCK AND COMMUNITIES AND ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT OTHER SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC FACTORS.

SO WHAT IS THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THAT CENSUS BLOCK AREA?

WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION THAT ARE CHILDREN AND SENIORS?

IT LOOKS AT RAISE.

IT LOOKS AT URBAN HEAT ISLANDS.

IT TAKES A LOT OF THOSE CHARACTERISTICS AND COMES UP WITH AN EQUITY SCORE BY CENSUS BLOCK.

OAK PARK IS IN GOOD SHAPE.

OUR LOWEST CENSUS BLOCK IS A SCORE OF 80, WHICH IS GREAT, IT WOULD BE CONSIDERED MODERATE AND A LOT OF OUR CENSUS BLOCKS ARE SCORED A LOT HIGHER THAN THAT.

AND OVERALL THE VILLAGE HAS AN EQUITY SCORE OF 86.

THIS IS A GOOD SIGN, WITH OUR HIGH STOCKING DENSITY AND WE HAVE TREES SPACE PRETTY EVENLY AROUND THE VILLAGE, REALLY OUR NEXT CHALLENGE IS TO GROW THE TREES WE HAVE THERE AND INCREASE THEIR SIZE SO WE CAN REALIZE THE BENEFITS THOSE TREES WILL PROVIDE OVERTIME.

PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT METRIC WE HAVE IS TREE CANOPY COVER.

WE LOOK AT TREE CANOPY COVER A COUPLE DIFFERENT WAYS.

WHEN WE LOOK AT BOTH PARKWAY AND PRIVATE TREES, OAK PARK HAS A CANOPY COVER PERCENTAGE OF 47%, WHICH IS REALLY HIGH.

THERE'S NOT A LOT OF OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE AT THAT POINT AND THERE IS NO IDEAL CANOPY COVER NUMBER TWO HAVE, BUT IT IS A GOOD METRIC TO TRACK BECAUSE YOU WANT TO SEE, THAT CANOPY COVER INCREASING, EXISTING LEVEL OR IS IT DECREASING OVER TIME?

WE ALSO LOOK AT THE CANOPY COVER PROVIDED BY THE PARKWAY TREES.

WE CAN LOOK AT THE LAST 10 YEARS AND WE CAN SEE OUR CANOPY COVER BY OUR PARKWAY TREES REALLY DECREASED IN THE YEARS FOLLOWING 2014 WHEN WE WERE DOING A LOT OF ASH TREE REMOVALS.

MORE RECENTLY THAT TREND HAS LEVELED OFF, BUT IT IS STILL CONTINUING DOWN.

2023 IS THE FIRST YEAR WE SAW A INCREASE IN THE CANOPY COVER FOR OUR PARKWAY TREES.

IT'S A REALLY ENCOURAGING SIGN AND IN THE PLAN, THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS WE WANT TO PROMOTE.

WE WANT TO SEE THAT CANOPY COVER FROM OUR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC TREES MOVE FORWARDS.

THAT BRINGS US INTO OUR URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN.

LIKE ROB AND VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON SAID, IN THE PAST THE VILLAGE HAS USED THE ORAL CULTURAL SPECIFICATIONS TO GUIDE OUR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

IT IS KIND OF A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF HOW OUR CONTRACTORS AND CREWS ARE GOING TO WORK EVERY DAY, BUT IT DOES NOT DO ANYTHING TO PLAN INTO THE FUTURE.

THAT'S WHERE THIS URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN CAME INTO PLAY.

A LOT OF IT IS DOCUMENTING WHAT OUR PRACTICES ARE FOR THE FORESTRY DIVISION AND THINK ABOUT THE NEXT 10 OR 20 YEARS, HOW ARE THOSE

PRACTICES GOING TO CHANGE OR WHAT ARE WE GOING TO NEED TO DO TO HAVE A MORE RESILIENT URBAN FOREST IN THE FUTURE?

I PUT A RANGE IN THERE BECAUSE I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE A LIVING DOCUMENT.

IT IS SOMETHING WE WILL HAVE TO REVIEW FROM TIME TO TIME AND WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE CHANGES TO AND WE WOULD BE COMING TO THE VILLAGE BOARD TO APPROVE THOSE CHANGES IF THIS PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED.

THE CLIMATE READY OAK PARK PLAN, THAT ALSO CALLS OUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN FOREST PLANS BEING A HIGH PRIORITY SO THIS ALSO MEETS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS IN THAT PLAN.

I COULD GO INTO A LOT OF DETAIL ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE PLAN. I WANT TO KEEP IT AT A HIGH LEVEL SO THAT THERE IS TIME FOR QUESTIONS THAT YOU HAVE, BUT WE START OFF WITH KIND OF AN OVERVIEW OR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PLAN AND THEN WE GO INTO MORE DETAIL AS THE PLAN PROGRESSES.

WE HAVE A MISSION STATEMENT FOR OUR FORESTRY DIVISION.

WE HAVE A LIST OF GOALS THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT 20 YEARS.

WE HAVE A LIST OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE EITHER HAVE AT THE MOMENT OR WE NEED TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP TO MEET SOME OF THOSE GOALS THAT WE HAVE IN THE PLAN.

WE LOOK AT THE PERSONNEL WITHIN THE FORESTRY DIVISION.

WE LOOK AT THE STATE OF URBAN FORESTS AND WE JUST DISCUSSED A FEW MINUTES AGO.

THAT INCLUDES A iTREE EGO ASSESSMENT THAT LOOKS AT THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS THAT THE TREES PROVIDE WITH OUR URBAN FOREST PROVIDES.

WE LOOK AT TREE EQUITY WITHIN OAK PARK A COUPLE DIFFERENT WAYS AND WE GET INTO WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE URBAN FOREST LOOK LIKE?

WHAT IS THE SPECIES COMPOSITION?

10 OR 20 YEARS DOWN THE ROAD?

HOW - DO WE NEED TO PLAN FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AS WE LOOK AT THE PARKWAY TREES?

THEN GET INTO MAINTENANCE PRACTICES.

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT DECIDING WHAT TREES NEED TO BE REMOVED?

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT OUR PRACTICES?

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT MAINTENANCE WITH PRUNING?

DOING WORKS WITH THE (WORD?) TO IMPROVE WATER SYSTEMS.

THERE IS A LOT OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE PARKWAY SO WE LOOK AT HOW WE ARE GOING TO MANAGE CONSTRUCTION THAT IS TAKING PLACE IN THE PARKWAY TO KEEP THOSE TREES - KEEP THEM AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN.

WE ASSESS RISK AND WE WRAP UP BY LOOKING AT PROJECTED BUDGETS OVER THE COURSE OF THE PLAN.

YOU HAVE SOME CONCLUDING THOUGHTS AND THEN THERE IS SEVERAL APPENDIXES AT THE END OF THE DOCUMENT.

SO OUR DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE - OUR URBAN FOREST OR FORESTRY DIVISION MET WITH OUR CONSULTANT ABOUT A YEAR AGO AND STARTED WORK ON THIS PLAN.

WE WENT THROUGH SEVERAL DRAFTS AND IN OCTOBER WE TOOK A DRAFT TO THE EEC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION.

HE HAD THEN PROVIDE FEEDBACK FOR THE PLAN AND WE MADE CHANGES TO THE PLAN, TOOK THAT REVISED DRAFT TO THE COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION LATER IN OCTOBER AND THEY VOTED TO APPROVE A TO BRING IT TO THE VILLAGE BOARD WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IT IS APPROVED AND THAT BRINGS US TO TONIGHT.

THERE IS ALSO AN ORDINANCE UPDATE LIKE ROB MENTIONED WITH THIS PLAN IN CHAPTER 25, WHICH IS OUR TREE ORDINANCE.

THERE'S A LOT OF LANGUAGE REFERRING TO THE (WORD?) CHANGES.

A LOT OF IT IS STRIKING THOSE AND THERE'S A FEW OTHER MINOR CHANGES THAT WE FOUND DURING THAT REVISION PROCESS, GRAMMATICAL ERRORS AND CLEANING UP SOME OF THE - THERE IS NO INFORMATION BELOW SO CLEANING UP THE ORDINANCE AS WELL AND THE LAST PART OF THAT IS IF ADOPTED, ONE OF THE GOALS IN THE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IS A MORE COOPERATIVE REVIEW OF THE TREE ORDINANCE.

THAT IS SOMETHING WE WOULD ANTICIPATE BRINGING BACK TO THE BOARD LATER THIS YEAR, SOME PROVISIONS ADDITIONALLY TO THE URBAN FOREST.

THAT IS ALL I HAVE, BUT I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OTHER QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: ON THE THREE YEARS I'VE BEEN ON THE BOARD THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE TOPIC IS COMING TO THE BOARD TABLE. REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THIS BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THOSE ITEMS THAT IS NOT VERY SEXY, BUT IT HAS LONG-RANGE IMPACT ON THE LIVABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY, SO IT IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ONE AND IT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

I'M GLAD THAT THE CLIMATE READY OAK PARK PRIORITIZED AND I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING IT TO US.

I WAS NOT PLANNING TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS ONE, BUT I HAVE ONE QUESTION.

SINCE YOU MENTIONED ABOUT THE STRUCTURE AND THE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE TREE DIVERSITY THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO CREATE THAT CURVE, I THINK YOU MENTIONED BY DOING THAT, THE NUMBER OF TREES THAT GET CUT OR THE REMOVAL WILL BE REDUCED OVER TIME.

DID I HEAR THAT RIGHT?

>>GRANT JONES: THERE IS ALWAYS THE NEXT THING THAT IS OUT THERE PAST WISE.

EMERALD ASH BORER WAS NOT ON ANYBODY'S RADAR.

THERE ARE OTHER PESTS LIKE ASIAN LONGHORN BEETLE THAT HAS BEEN IN THE CHICAGO AREA IN THE PAST.

THAT AFFECTS A LOT OF SPECIES.

THAT WOULD BE A BAD ONE IF IT SHOULD APPEAR AND THAT WOULD HAVE A BIG IMPACT.

BY DIVERSIFYING WE ARE HEDGING OUR BETS.

BUT NOT HAVING TOO MUCH OF ANYONE TREE SPECIES, IF THERE IS A NEW PEST THAT SHOWS UP, AND LET'S SAY IT GOES AFTER HONEY LOCUST, WE ARE NOT LOSING 20 OR 30% OF OUR URBAN FOREST.

WE WOULD BE LOSING A SMALLER NUMBER OF TREES.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SO BASICALLY THAT NORWAY MAPLE COMING DOWN BY 500, THAT KIND OF SITUATION WON'T HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE IS BASICALLY WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO HEDGE BY DIVERSIFICATION, CORRECT?

>>GRANT JONES: CORRECT.

IT TAKES SOME TIME TO DIVERSIFY.

WE STILL HAVE WAY MORE NORWAY MAPLES THAN WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AND IT TOOK 10 YEARS TO REDUCE THAT BY 500.

IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO GET THERE, BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WHEN WE REMOVE TREES WE REPLANT THEM, WE LOOK AT IT REALLY CLOSELY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DIVERSIFY THAT POPULATION.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: SOLD THE REGARD YOU SAID THAT IS PAGES 78 OF THE PLAN YOU HAVE THE BUDGET.

SO THE FIRST BLOCK THERE IS REMOVAL.

THE COST OF REMOVALS, RIGHT?

THAT IS KIND OF ON A SLOW RAMP-UP AND CPI REFLECTED.

SO I WAS WONDERING, DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DIVERSIFY THE URBAN FORESTRY IN A WAY THAT REDUCES THE COST IN ANY WAY WE CAN? JUST A QUESTION.

>>GRANT JONES: WE HAVE BEEN PRETTY STEADY AT ABOUT 300 REMOVALS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS.

MUSTERS A STORM OR SOMETHING ELSE UNEXPECTED I WOULD ANTICIPATE AND WOULD PROBABLY STAY CLOSE TO THAT NUMBER AND I THINK THAT WOULD BE THE GOAL IS TO NOT HAVE A BIG BUMP.

SORRY.

HOPEFULLY THAT NUMBER CONTINUES TO TREND DOWN, BUT I THINK MY GUESS WOULD BE IT WILL PROBABLY HOLD PRETTY STEADY.

>>TRUSTEE PARAKKAT: AWESOME.

THAT IS ALL THE QUESTIONS I HAD, BUT THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR TEAM. YOU DO NOT GET TO COME UP HERE OFTEN, BUT REALLY APPRECIATE THE WORK.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: I WILL SAY, THIS IS THE SEXY STUFF TO ME.

I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT GOES INTO THIS AND DIVERSIFYING OUR BASE REALLY DOES HELP TO BUILD UP THAT RESILIENCY.

I JUST KNOW FROM COMBATING THESE BEETLES IN ALL THOSE DIFFERENT THINGS THAT YOU NEVER SEE COMING OR EVEN IF WE'VE TALKED BEFORE ABOUT IT THESE BAD STORMS WE GET SOMETIMES, IT IS KEY TO SEE THAT THIS IS A HUGE PRIORITY FOR US, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE OF HOW DENSE OUR TREE SITUATION IS.

WE ARE ONE OF THE MOST DENSE CITIES IN ALL OF ILLINOIS, BUT THAT IS ALSO IMPACTED BY THE TREES WE HAVE, BUT IT IS A POINT OF - FOR US - I HAD SOME OF THE BIGGEST PINE TREES IN OAK PARK FOR A VERY LONG TIME AND MY DAD DID NOT LIKE IT BECAUSE HE IS LIKE IT IS SO BEAUTIFUL TO SEE THIS EVERY DAY AND I THINK THAT'S HOW ALL OF OAK PARK IS FEEL ABOUT THEIR PROPERTIES WHEN THEY SEE THESE TREES.

I DON'T EVER SEE PEOPLE SAYING, I CANNOT STAND THAT I HAVE THIS MASSIVE TREE HERE.

IT'S JUST LIKE, HOW DO WE KEEP THIS GOING?

I LOVE TO KNOW THAT THERE IS A PLAN BEHIND ALL OF THIS AND YOU ALL PUT THIS DEDICATION BEHIND THIS.

I THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU'RE DOING, BUT THANK YOU FOR THE COLLABORATION THAT HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU ALL AND THE EEC, AND THE DESIGN COMMISSION AS WELL.

SO WORKING TOGETHER TO SEE ALL OF THESE THINGS COME TO FRUITION IS REALLY AMAZING.

SO I APPRECIATE EVERYTHING YOU ALL DO AND LET US KNOW HOW WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT, BUT THIS IS A GREAT PLAN.

THANK YOU.

>>GRANT JONES: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: GO AHEAD.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: SO YOU BROUGHT UP THE MAP OF THE TREE EQUITY SCORES.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THE PLAN IS OVER THAT 10-20 YEAR TIME HORIZON TO REALLY FOCUS ON IMPROVING OUR TREE EQUITY SCORES IN THE CENSUS BLOCKS IN PARTICULAR WHERE WE HAVE THE LOWER SCORES.

I KNOW 80 IS NOT TERRIBLE, BUT MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE SORT OF PUSHING UP PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEAST OAK PARK, NORTHEAST OAK PARK, THOSE AREAS WHERE WE ARE SEEING THE LOWER TREE EQUITY SCORES.

>>GRANT JONES: SURE.

THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WE HAVE BEEN PLANTING MORE TREES THAN WE HAVE BEEN REMOVING.

WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO BACK AND IN OUR INVENTORY THEY ARE IDENTIFIED AS OPEN TREE SPOTS, BUT THEY ARE BASICALLY SPOTS WHERE WE HAVE NOT HAD A TREE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO GO BACK AND PRIORITIZE FILLING THOSE AND WORKING OUT THAT TREE EQUITY SCORE MAP WE TARGETED THOSE AREAS FIRST TO FILL THE OPEN SPOTS.

THOSE AREAS WITH THE LOWER SCORES, WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO POPULATE WITH TREES.

THE NEXT PART SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE - ONE MORE THOUGHT ON THAT.

I HAVE BEEN MARKING TREES FOR OUR SPRING TREE PLANTING.

I HAVE BEEN SOUTH OF THE IKE AND WHAT WE CONSIDER SECTION 6 AS FAR AS THE DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF OAK PARK, BUT WE HAVE ALL THE OPEN SPOTS THERE THAT DO NOT HAVE STUMPS SLOTTED TO GET TREES THIS SPRING.

AS I DO MY TREE PLANTING I LOOK AT THOSE AREAS AND I THINK THE NEXT THING IS - AND TO BE A LITTLE INNOVATIVE IS TO TAKE THE TREE EQUITY MAP, SINCE WE ALREADY HAVE TREES, WE NEED TO ENCOURAGE THE TREES TO DEVELOP, GROW, AND BE THERE A LONG TIME.

LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE BROUGHT IN A CONTRACTOR TO DO WHAT WE CALL A ROOT COLOR EXCAVATION.

THESE COMPRESSED AIR, IT IS AN AIRSPEED.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I SAW YOUR VIDEO.

>>GRANT JONES: WE TARGETED THE FAR NORTHEAST, THE FAR SOUTHEAST CORNERS OF OAK PARK WITH THAT LAST YEAR AND THAT ACTUALLY CAME OUT OF SOME OF THE DRAFT OF THIS PLAN.

IS A MAP IN THEIR SHOWING THAT HE ISLAND EFFECTS AND THOSE TWO PARTS OF OAK PARK HAD THE WARMEST COLORATION.

SO THEY HAD THE BIGGEST TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE.

BECAUSE OF THAT WE TARGETED THOSE AREAS TO HELP ENCOURAGE THOSE TREES TO GROW QUICKER AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO BE THERE FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME.

I THINK WE WILL DO MORE OF THAT CONTINUING TO PRIORITIZE BY TREE EQUITY SCORE OR BY SOME OF - URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT ARE FLOODING ALL THOSE ARE SIMILAR IN HOW THEY APPEAR IN THE DOCUMENT.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: ONE OF THE THINGS THE DOCUMENT TALKS ABOUT IS THINKING ABOUT OUR URBAN FOREST AS STORM WATER RETENTION RESOURCE AND I THINK THAT GOES TO SOME OF THESE ISSUES HERE, YOU'RE HIGHLIGHTING PARTICULARLY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT NORTHEAST OAK PARK.

YOU TALKED ABOUT HOW WE CAN PROMOTE THESE TREES TO GROW BIGGER.

ONE OF THE CHARTS I FOUND REALLY INTERESTING COMPARING 10 YEARS AGO TO NOW IS HOW MANY OF THOSE OLDER AND LARGER TREES WE HAVE LOST.

OBVIOUSLY WE ARE MUCH YOUNGER ON THE CURVE.

HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT IS GOING TO TAKE US TO GET BACK TOWARDS A MORE MATURE CANOPY?

>>GRANT JONES: I THINK IT WILL TAKE TIME.

THE INCREASE IN TREE CANOPY COVER, I THINK IS A GOOD SIGN WE ARE HEADED THAT DIRECTION, BUT IT'S ALSO TAKEN US 10 YEARS TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE SEEING THE UPTAKE.

SOME OF THE THINGS - LIKE BEING FULLY STOCKED OR ALMOST FULLY STOCKED WITH TREES, THAT HELPS.

SOME OF THE MAINTENANCE PRACTICES WE ARE DOING PRUNING AND THINGS LIKE THAT IS TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THAT GOOD STRUCTURE I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS THOSE TREES DEVELOP WE WANT TO KEEP THEM THERE FOR AS LONG AS WE CAN.

WE LOOK AT THE RISK THEY POSE AND ASSESS THEM PRETTY REGULARLY TO KEEP THAT IN MIND.

WE WANT TO MAXIMIZE THAT TIME THAT THE TREES IN THE PARKWAY AND THAT WILL GIVE US MOST BENEFITS AND GET US BACK TO WHERE IT HAS THAT VERY

MATURE TREE CANOPY OVER OAK PARK THAT WE SEE AS WE DRIVE DOWN THE STREETS.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: ONE OF THE POTENTIAL PROGRAMS I SAW MENTIONED IS A WOOD UTILIZATION PROGRAM.

YOU TALK MORE ABOUT WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE?

WHAT EXAMPLES LOOK LIKE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE IMPLEMENT TO THAT?

>>GRANT JONES: IT IS SOMETHING I NEED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT. THE CONSULTANT WE WORK WITH THEY ARE BIG INTO TRYING TO UTILIZE URBAN WORD.

ONE OF OUR LIMITATIONS HERE IS WE DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STORE LOGS, JUST BECAUSE SPACE IS SO TIGHT HERE IN OAK PARK.

I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE FIRST STEP IS TO THINK ABOUT - AS WE REMOVE TREES, HOW DO WE STAGE THAT WOULD IN A WAY THAT IT CAN BE REUSED?

CERTAINLY THINKING ABOUT THE LINKS OF LOGS WE GET WHEN WE REMOVE TREES, ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAVE GOOD STREET STRUCTURE SO WE CAN CUT THOSE INTO LENGTHS THAT CAN BE BUILT UP AND USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THERE ARE SOME COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN PRETTY ACTIVE IN THAT AND TO BE HONEST IT IS SOMETHING THAT I NEED TO READ UP MORE ON.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: I WAS FASCINATED TO SEE IT PERSONALLY, PARTIALLY BECAUSE THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN IN OAK PARK WAS MY WIFE'S GRANDPARENTS HOUSE AND WE HAD TO REMOVE A LARGE MAPLE TREE IN THE BACKYARD AND SO WE ACTUALLY - WE WORKED WITH MILL THAT DOES THIS AND SELECTED PLACES TO PULL OUT LENGTH SO WE COULD MAIL WOOD TO BUILD A GAME TABLE TO PLAY AROUND THE TREE THAT MY MOTHER-IN-LAW PLAYED AROUND WHEN SHE WAS A KID.

SO SEEING THAT BROUGHT A SMILE TO MY FACE AND I WAS CURIOUS HOW WE ARE LOOKING AT IMPLEMENTING THAT.

AND THEN THERE WAS DISCUSSION ABOUT WORKING TO BRING MORE OF THE STAFFING IN-HOUSE, RATHER THAN HAVE IT CONTRACTED OUT.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT BOTH WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE SORT OF FROM A BUDGET PERSPECTIVE ON THAT AND ALSO WHAT QUALITY OR PERFORMANCE GAINS WE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE IN THAT?

>>GRANT JONES: WE TOOK OUR TREE CONTRACT OUT TO BID THEY CAME HERE TO THE VILLAGE BOARD AND OUR PRICES DID INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THAT FROM WHERE THEY WERE THREE YEARS AGO.

IT IS A WAY THAT WE CAN MAYBE OFFSET SOME OF THAT.

IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE EVALUATING WITHIN PUBLIC WORKS THIS WINTER.

WE ARE LOOKING AT THE WORK OF CONTRACTORS DOING.

WE ARE LOOKING AT THE WORK OUR IN-HOUSE STAFF IS DOING AND WHERE TO GO EVALUATE IN TERMS OF PRODUCTION, HOW MUCH CAN THEY ACCOMPLISH

REASONABLY AND IS THERE A WAY THAT WE CAN MAYBE TAKE SOME OF THE WORK THAT OTHERWISE WOULD GO TO THE CONTRACTOR, GIVE THAT TO OUR IN-HOUSE

CREW AND IF THERE WERE STAFFING INCREASES, OFFSET SOME OF THAT COST BY TAKING SOME OF THAT CONTRACTED MONEY, INSTEAD OF PAYING THEM IT CAN BE USED FOR SALARY AND WAGES.

SOMETHING WE ARE EVALUATING, BUT IT IS A POINT OF CONVERSATION FOR A COUPLE OF YEARS NOW.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: YEAH.

I AM DEFINITELY SORT OF INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE AS THAT DEVELOPS BECAUSE I THINK THAT IT IS ONE OF THOSE POINTS OF PRIDE WHERE SOMETIMES IF WE ARE ABLE TO DO IT IN-HOUSE, RATHER THAN HAVE IT BE CONTRACTED OUT WE KNOW THAT WE ARE USING BEST PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT THE WORK WE ARE DOING AROUND PRUNING IS GOING TO PROMOTE THE LONG-TERM HEALTH OF OUR TREE CANOPY, THAT IT IS ALL GOING TOWARDS THE GOALS WE ARE LAYING OUT AS A COMMUNITY IN THIS FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN AND I WILL ECHO WHAT TRUSTEE ENYIA SAID.

I THINK THIS IS KIND OF THE SEXY STUFF.

THIS IS REALLY EXCITING BECAUSE IT IS JUST INCREDIBLY FORWARD-LOOKING.

I DON'T THINK THERE ARE MANY COMMUNITIES OF OUR SIZE WHO ARE REALLY THINKING ABOUT THIS RESOURCE IN THIS KIND OF WAY.

SO I APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK YOU'VE BEEN DOING TO BRING THIS HERE AND IT IS FASCINATING.

I ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO READ IT.

YOU GET 100 PAGES ON OUR URBAN FOREST.

IT IS PRETTY EXCITING.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: DO YOU KNOW IF RIVER FOREST STILL USES THAT MILL OFF OF MADISON?

I KNOW THEY USED IT TO STORE TREES, BUT THEY ALSO USED TO STORE A LOT OF WOOD BACK THERE, TOO.

I'VE NOT GONE BACK THERE TO SEE HOW DEEP THAT IS ANYMORE.

IF THEY STILL UTILIZE THAT SPACE.

IS THAT SOMEWHERE WHERE WE COULD ASK THEM HOW THEY UTILIZE THAT WOULD? USED TO STORE A LOT BACK THERE.

>>GRANT JONES: THAT IS WHERE ONE OF OUR CONTRACTORS IS LOCATED. I CAN ASK THEM ABOUT THAT AND GET AN UPDATE FROM THEIR SIDE AND REACH OUT TO RIVER FOREST.

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE ROBINSON.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: PICKING UP ON THOSE AREAS OF THE VILLAGE THAT HAVE LESS TREE EQUITY.

IT IS AN EQUITY TERM THAT I DON'T THINK I HAVE EVER HEARD OR USED BEFORE, BUT I AGREE WITH THE PRIOR COMMENTS.

IT IS A FASCINATING CONCEPT AND SO GIVEN THOSE AREAS, HOW DO YOU ANTICIPATE EXPANDING THAT EQUITY SCORE?

IS IT PLANTING MORE TREES ON THE PARKWAY IN FRONT OF HOMES?

IS IT PLANTING BOTH OF THOSE AREAS OF OAK PARK HAVE LARGE PARKS.

IS IT FOCUSING IT IN THOSE PARK AREAS?

WHAT DOES THAT REALLY LOOK LIKE?

>>GRANT JONES: WE ARE BASICALLY FILLED UP WITH PLANTING IN THOSE SITES.

IF WE ARE OUT WORKING - I WALKED TO INSPECT WORK A FAIR AMOUNT OF THE TIME.

THERE'S A SPOT I THINK THERE COULD BE A TREE, I WILL ADD THAT TO OUR INVENTORY SO I CAN GO BACK AND REVISIT THAT WHEN I AM THINKING ABOUT PLANTING, BUT THERE'S NOT A LOT OF EXTRA ROOM TO PUT ADDITIONAL TREES IN THOSE LOCATIONS.

SO I THINK IT IS REALLY WORKING TO KIND OF FOSTERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE TREES THAT ARE THERE.

WE WANT TO TRY TO HELP THEM GROW, CANOPY UP AND REMAIN THERE.

THINKING ABOUT EQUITY SCORE, THAT IS PROBABLY THE BIGGEST THING WE HAVE TO TRY TO DO TO INCREASE THE SCORES FROM THOSE LOWER SCORING SENSES BOX.

>> TRUSTINGLY THIS IS WHERE DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUITY INTERSECT IN THOSE TWO AREAS OF OAK PARK - THEY HAVE SOME OF OUR MOST AFFORDABLE HOMES, I ACTUALLY LIVE IN ONE OF THOSE AREAS AND WHEN I THINK ABOUT TREES, I THINK ABOUT THE NUMBER OF TREE ROOTS THAT ARE INVADING MY SEWER LINE.

THAT IS CAUSING FLOODING AND REQUIRES ME TO SPEND THREE-\$500 ROTTING IT OUT.

SO I LIKE TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU BALANCE THE CONCERNS THAT SOME OF THE DAMAGE THAT TREE ROOTS DO TO THOSE AREAS OF OAK PARK, PARTICULARLY THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

GIVEN THAT THOSE ARE SOME OF OUR OLDER HOMES.

SOME OF OUR KIND OF OLDER PARTS OF OAK PARK, INCLUDING REALLY AGED INFRASTRUCTURE.

OUTGOING SEWER LINES, HOURS UP UNTIL RECENTLY WAS THE ORIGINAL 3 FOOT CLAY, YOU KNOW, THE LINE OR I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TERM IS, BUT HAVING THAT CAN READ OVER THE YEARS, WE COULD SEE THE PROGRESSION OF TREE ROOTS INVADING THOSE LINES AND SO THAT IS WHAT I MEAN BY HAVING DIFFERENT TYPES OF EQUITY INTERSECT ON THIS ISSUE AND I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERSTAND HOW THAT COMES INTO YOUR - HOW THAT BALANCES THE CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING TREES OR PLANTING TREES, HELPING THEM GROW, WHICH MEANS MORE TREE ROOTS.

HOW ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THAT PIECE OF IT?

>>GRANT JONES: SEWER LINES ARE TOUGH BECAUSE WE DON'T - THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO TELL WHERE THE SEWER LINE IS PRETTY SOMETIMES YOU CAN LOOK AND YOU CAN SEE WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN PRIOR DIGGING SO YOU HAVE A GOOD IDEA.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN LOOK AT THE ROOF LINE AND THERE ARE CLUES FOR EVENTS THINGS LIKE THAT.

IT IS HARD TO REALLY KNOW THOUGH A SPOT OR WHEN WE ARE PICKING A SPOT WHERE A TREE IS GOING.

ALL THE OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE THERE WE LOOK PRETTY CLOSELY BECAUSE IF THERE IS DIGGING CLOSE TO A TREE, THAT IS GOING TO DISTURB TREE ROOTS AND DAMAGE THAT TREE.

WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THAT EASIER FOR SOME MEALS, BUT ALSO MAKE SURE IF THERE IS WORK TAKING PLACE IN THE PARKWAY WHERE EXCAVATION IS OCCURRING WE DON'T HAVE A TREE RIGHT BESIDE THAT.

BE BOX FOR A WATER LINE AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

WE TRIED TO ADJUST THAT.

IT IS TRICKY IN OAK PARK BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF NARROW LOTS AND SO YOU FOR EVERYTHING ELSE IN THE PARKWAY AND SOMETIMES IT IS TOUGH TO FIND A GOOD SPOT TO PUT A TREE - TO PUT A TREE IN THERE.

IN TERMS OF - I THINK INTO THE SECOND PART OF YOUR QUESTION ABOUT SEWER LINES AND TREE ROOTS.

THERE IS AN EXPENSE THERE.

WHAT I ALWAYS TRY TO DO IS HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS THAT THOSE TREES ARE PROVIDING AS WELL.

SO HOPEFULLY I'LL JUSTIFY A LITTLE BIT OF THAT EXPENSE IN THEIR MIND.

IT IS AN UNFORTUNATE SITUATION.

I WOULD NOT BE HAPPY IF I HAD TO WRITE OUT MY SEWER LINE OR REPLACE IT BECAUSE THAT'S A BIG EXPENSE.

CERTAINLY AS WE WANT PEOPLE TO LIKE TREES.

WE DON'T WANT THEM TO BE A BURDEN BECAUSE WE WANT PEOPLE TO WANT TO HAVE TREES AROUND.

WE TRY TO HOPEFULLY AVOID SOME OF THAT WITH OUR PLANTING LOCATIONS AND WHERE WE PUT THEM AND ALSO JUST EDUCATE EVERYBODY ABOUT THE BENEFITS THAT THE TREES ARE PROVIDING.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: I WANTED TO RAISE HER AND BRING INTO THEIR CONVERSATION.

PARTICULARLY AS A HOMEOWNER THAT HAS HAD EXPERIENCE WITH IT AND WE WANT TO TRY TO KEEP THOSE AREAS AFFORDABLE AND SO THEY ARE NOT AS AFFORDABLE IF THERE IS THIS CONTINUAL AND GROWING EXPENSE THAT IS REALLY CAUSED BY THE TREE ROOTS.

IN SHORT.

YOU MENTIONED THE B BOX, WHICH I WAS GOING TO SPELL NEXT BECAUSE WE HAVE AN EFFORT TO REDUCE LEAD WATERLINES AND THOSE BOXES ARE OFTEN - AT LEAST IN MY PART OF OAK PARK NEAR THE PARKWAY TREE.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW THE REQUIREMENT TO REPLACE THE LEAD WATERLINES AND THAT EFFORT THAT IS ROLLING OUT, HOW THAT IS GOING TO BE DONE IN A WAY THAT IS PROTECTIVE OF THESE VERY EXPENSIVE TREES THAT WE ARE PLANTING AND TRYING TO MAKE GROW?

>>GRANT JONES: SURE.

ANYTIME THERE'S A WATER SERVICE LINE THAT IS BEING WORKED ON, THERE'S A PERMIT PROCESS FOR THAT AND I AM ONE OF THE REVIEWERS ON THAT PERMIT SO I LOOK AT THE WORK IN COMPARISON TO WHERE THE TREES ARE.

SO WE WILL HAVE DIFFERENT DISTANCES THAT WE TRY TO LIKE ESTABLISH TREE PROTECTION SO THAT WE ARE NOT DAMAGING - ROOTS ARE NOT BEING DAMAGED WHILE THAT WORK IS OCCURRING.

IF THE B BOX IS CLOSER TO THE TREE THEN WE WOULD LIKE, I'M FORTUNATE THAT THE WATER DIVISION IS RIGHT DOWN THE HALLWAY FOR ME SO IT'S REALLY EASY TO WALK DOWN, HAVE SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO CREATIVELY TO TRY TO MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE TO THAT TREE. SOMETIMES WE CAN MAKE A SMALLER HOLE.

SOMETIMES WE CAN DO THINGS WITH ROOT PRUNING OR AN AIRSPEED. PURPOSELY PRUNE A FEW ROOTS SO THAT WHEN THEY'RE DIGGING THEY'RE NOT TEARING AND DAMAGING THAT ROOT SYSTEM AND JOSTLING THE TREE AROUND WITH THAT EQUIPMENT.

WE CAN ALSO SOMETIMES OFFSET THAT HOLE. INSTEAD OF CENTERING RIGHT ON THE B BOX, SOMETIMES WE CAN SHIFTED TO THE SIDE A LITTLE BIT AND SO WE'RE GETTING A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY FROM THE TREE.

THEY CAN DO THEIR WORK AND IF IT'S AN OLDER LINE THEY CAN SOMETIMES COMPLETELY MOVE THAT B BOX SO NOW THAT WORK IS TAKING PLACE 10 FEET AWAY FROM THE TREE, RATHER THAN 2 FEET AWAY.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THAT IS HELPFUL.

I'M GLAD THAT WORK IS BEING DONE COLLABORATIVELY BECAUSE ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT THINGS ARE IMPORTANT INITIATIVES.

NO, I AGREE WITH TRUSTEE STRAW, IT IS A LONG DOCUMENT, BUT IT IS REALLY FASCINATING READING - THE PART I FOUND THE MOST FASCINATING WAS THAT THE VILLAGES VALUATION OF OUR TREE STOCK - I THINK IT WAS \$31 MILLION?

DOES THAT SOUND RIGHT?

>>GRANT JONES: THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE VALUE OF OUR TREE POPULATION IN THE VILLAGE, I DON'T LIKE TO HAVE THAT MONETARY AMOUNT AND THAT NUMBER ASSIGNED TO IT.

I THINK IT REALLY HELPS SOLIDIFY AND BRING HOME THAT IT IS AN ACTUAL ASSET FOR THIS COMMUNITY.

>>GRANT JONES: THERE IS A GROUP OF SOFTWARE THAT CAME OUT ABOUT 10 OR 15 YEARS AGO CALLED iTREE AND IT REALLY HELPED PUT VALUES ON THOSE BENEFITS.

WE WILL LOOK AT A TREE AND BE LIKE IT LOOKS NICE, BUT BEYOND THAT IT WAS HARD TO GO BEYOND THAT AND SO THAT SOFTWARE REALLY HELPED A LOT OF URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAMS AROUND THE COUNTRY TO BE ABLE TO SHOW THE VALUE OF THOSE BENEFITS OR JUST THE VALUE OF THE TREE ITSELF.

>>TRUSTEE ROBINSON: THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: TRUSTEE WESLEY, DID YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANTED TO ADD?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I HAVE A FEW THINGS.

FIRST OFF I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I LOVE TREES THAT SEEMS TO BE A GROWING SENTIMENT AROUND THE BOARD TABLE HERE.

NO, SERIOUSLY I DO.

THE THINGS - I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS.

SOMETHING ALONG THOSE LINES.

ONE OF THE THINGS I WAS WONDERING ABOUT, SO AROUND THE CONCEPT OF TREE EQUITY AND THEN THE INTERSECTION WITH RACIAL EQUITY, ARE WE PRIORITIZING OUR BORDERS STREETS, OUR STREETS WHERE IN OUR PREDOMINANTLY APARTMENT BASED NEIGHBORHOODS - BECAUSE THERE IS A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF - THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN THE RACIAL MAKEUP OF OUR VILLAGE DEPENDING ON THE NEIGHBORHOODS, RIGHT?

I NEED GO TO THE APARTMENT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE ABOUT - I BELIEVE IT IS SOMETHING LIKE 70-30 OR 60-40 BLACK RESIDENTS VERSUS WHITE AND SO WHAT I LIKE TO SEE IS THAT WE ARE ENSURING THAT WE ARE BEING INTENTIONAL ABOUT PUTTING TREES IN THOSE AREAS AND DOING THAT AS A PRIORITY, RATHER THAN LIKE SECONDER THIRD ON THE LIST.

- FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT REASONS.

FIRST I WILL ASK THE QUESTION REALLY, ARE WE SPECIFICALLY AND INTENTIONALLY TARGETING THOSE AREAS AND PRIORITIZING THEM?

>>GRANT JONES: YES WE ARE.

THE NUMBER OF OPEN PLANTING SPOTS.

THESE ARE SPOTS WHERE WE HAVEN'T HAD A NUMBER OF TREES FOR A FEW YEARS, IT IS PROBABLY 50 OR 60 FOR THE VILLAGE AT THIS POINT. EVERYTHING ELSE IN A PLANTING SPOT IS WHERE WE HAVE MOVED A TREE AND REPLACING IT.

THERE'S NOT A LOT OF OPEN PLANTING SPOTS WHERE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A TREE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND LOOKING AT THE TREE EQUITY SCORE MAP, LOVE THE CENSUS BLOCKS THAT WERE MAYBE LOWER IN SCORE - IT IS ALSO WHERE A LOT OF OUR APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE.

THOSE ARE EASIER SPOTS TO GO IN AND PUT A TREE.

I WILL BE HONEST, WHEN YOU DO TREE PLANTING, YOU NEVER KNOW HOW THAT DAY IS GOING TO GO.

YOU HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT LIKE TREES, BUT THERE'S ALWAYS THE PERSON THAT WILL CALL UP AND SAY, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A TREE THERE. AS APARTMENT COMPLEXES ARE EASY SPOTS TO PLANT TREES BECAUSE IT'S RARE THAT WE WOULD GET A PHONE CALL SAYING I DON'T WANT A TREE THERE.

JUST FOR A SELFISH REASON I LIKE TO PLANT THOSE SPOTS BECAUSE IT MAKES MY JOB A LOT EASIER, BUT IT ALSO FALLS IN LINE WITH THAT TREE EQUITY SCORE MAP.

YES, WE ARE PRIORITIZING THOSE AREAS.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LOVE TO HEAR THAT.

ANOTHER INTERSECTIONALITY ASPECT HERE, TOO, IS THE DISPARITY IN ASTHMA RATES AMONG BLACK KIDS AND WHITE KIDS AND HOW TREES ACTUALLY POSITIVELY IMPACT ON ASTHMA RATES.

SO WHEN YOU START TO KIND OF LIKE HIT THIS THING IN A COUPLE DIFFERENT STEPS.

WHEN YOU SAY, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE MORE BLACK FOLKS IN OUR APARTMENT AREAS AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE OR LESS TREES.

NOW WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO IMPACT ASTHMA RATES IN KIDS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, RIGHT?

SO THAT IS A HEALTH EQUITY INTERSECTIONALITY IMPACT THERE THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT AS WELL.

JUST BECAUSE FOLKS THINK, OAK TREES, WE ARE JUST GOING TO GET TREES. THERE ARE SO MANY DOWNSTREAM IMPACTS TO THIS THAT I JUST WANT TO KIND OF ELEVATE FOR FOLKS TO KNOW THAT IT IS NOT JUST GETTING SHADE ON THE STREET, EVEN THOUGH THAT IS GREAT.

THAT IS OBVIOUSLY A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT OF THE TREES, BUT THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER KIND OF INTERSECTIONAL IMPACTS AND BENEFITS OF HAVING MORE TREES IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.

I SAW BOB COME UP WITH THE WHISPER.

WERE YOU GOING TO ASK SOMETHING THERE?

>>GRANT JONES: ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT ROB AND I HAD TALKED ABOUT FOR THIS YEAR - AND IT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FALL IS ONE OF THE AREAS - WE ALREADY PLANTED MOST OF THE OPEN SPOTS IN THE PARKWAY.

IT IS ALSO THE OPPORTUNITY TO PLANT TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING AT IS PARTNERING WITH WEST COOK WILDLANDS AND SEE IF THERE'S A WAY FOR US TO WORK WITH THEM TO MAKE TREES AVAILABLE TO ALL PARK RESIDENTS THAT THEY CAN PLANT ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY.

IT'S ANOTHER WAY TO INCREASE THE VILLAGES OVERALL CANOPY COVER.

IT WILL TAKE TIME, BUT YOU HAVE TO PLANT THOSE TREES NOW.

IN 20 OR 30 YEARS YOU WILL HAVE A GOOD SIZE CANOPY.

THE PROJECT THAT WE'VE TALKED ABOUT FOR A COUPLE YEARS.

WE HAD SOME THAT BECAME AVAILABLE AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ARE LOOKING AT, CAN WE IMPLEMENT THIS LATER THIS YEAR?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: LOVE IT, LOVE IT.

THE LAST THING I WANT TO MENTION AND I'M SURPRISED TRUSTEE STRAW MENTIONED THIS ONE, BUT TREES PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUR SAFETY PLAN AS WELL.

THE TREE CANOPY OVER OUR STREETS GIVES A FEELING OF A MORE NARROW STREET.

AND THAT CLOSE HISTORY, WHICH REDUCES THE TYPICAL SPEEDS ON THE STREET, WHICH ALSO REDUCES THE SEVERITY OF TRAFFIC COLLISIONS.

SO I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT AGAIN TO YOU AS ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT OF HAVING MORE TREES IN OUR VILLAGE.

THAT WAS MORE JUST A STATEMENT.

I DO NOT REALLY HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

>>GRANT JONES: THANKS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THIS HAS BEEN A REALLY AMAZING DIALOGUE, TOO. PROUD OF ALL THE TRUSTEES AND THE QUESTIONS, AND COMMENTS THAT YOU HAVE BROUGHT TO THE TABLE.

IN FACT, IT MAKES ME WANT TO KIND OF CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION AND WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OTHER TIMES THERE'S OVERLAPPING THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND OTHERS IT CAN CONTINUE TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY AS WE ARE MAKING THESE INVESTMENTS MAY KNOW SEVERAL YEARS BACK WE DID UP THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE PUT IN THE BUDGET FOR TREES AND TO SEE THIS COME FORWARD IS REALLY FANTASTIC.

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN OAK PARK, I ACTUALLY REMEMBER THE TREE CANOPY ON THE 800 BLOCK OF SOUTH KYLER MORE THAN I REALLY REMEMBER A WHOLE LOT MORE ABOUT MY HOME BECAUSE WE SPENT A LOT OF TIME OUTSIDE AND IT IS JUST REALLY INGRAINED INTO THE EXPERIENCE I HAD IN GROWING UP HERE. BUT ABOUT A WEEK AFTER MY PARENTS BOUGHT THEIR FIRST HOUSE, IT WAS THEIR FIRST HOME THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE WAS HERE IN OAK PARK. BUT A WEEK AFTER THEY DID HAVE THE TREE ROOTS GO THROUGH A PIPE AND THE WATER PRESSURE IN THE HOME WENT DOWN AND IT WAS ABOUT \$10,000 TO REPLACE ALL OF THAT AFTER BUYING THEIR VERY FIRST HOME.

THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD TRUSTEE ROBINSON AND I CANNOT HELP - SINCE I INVESTED WITH C4, TO REFLECT HOW LUCKY WE ARE BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNITIES AROUND US THAT DO NOT HAVE THE TREE COVERAGE THAT WE DO HAVE AND SO THANK YOU AGAIN AND FOR THE BOARD FOR YOUR GREAT DIALOGUE TONIGHT.

WE WILL LOOK FOR, YOU KNOW, I SEE SOME INTERSECTION AND A LOT OF OUR BOARD GOALS SINCE WE RECENTLY JUST PASSED THEM AND CONTINUE TO REFLECT ON THEM IN BLUE ZONES.

TALK ABOUT COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE JUST LIVE TO BE OVER 100 YEARS OLD AND OUR SUSTAINABILITY GOALS, OUR TRAFFIC SAFETY GOALS, WITH OUR INCLUSION GOALS AND OF COURSE ASTHMA HEALTH DISPARITIES. EVERYTHING, ALL OF THIS IS INTERCONNECTED.

OKAY.

I ALSO AM GOING TO BE REALLY INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT THE ANALYSIS OF OUR OWN TEAM BECAUSE I HAVE ALSO SEEN AND HEARD, AND READ OCCASIONALLY THE HACK JOB ON A TREE AND I JUST CANNOT HELP BUT TO WONDER, THIS IS A GREAT RESOURCE THAT WE HAVE GOT AND WHO IS BETTER TO TAKE CARE OF IT THEN, YOU KNOW, EMPLOYEES THAT WE HAVE THAT ARE BEING EDUCATED ALONG WITH US AS A BOARD AND RESIDENTS ON HOW IMPORTANT OUR TREES ARE.

SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US ON THE AGENDA THIS EVENING, VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON.

CLOSE QUARTERS, PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.

>> YES.

>> ARE WE VOTING FOR BOTH?

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: WE ONLY DID THE MOTION FOR THE ONE.

>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE BUCHANAN.

TRUSTEE ENYIA.

>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

CONCUR WITH COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION AND ADOPT AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE 1, OF THE OAK PARK VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK SERVANT FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN. VILLAGE MANAGER JACKSON?

>>ROB SPROULE: TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS ITEM, THESE ARE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE EXISTING ORDINANCE LANGUAGE THAT STRIKES PRIMARILY JUST STRIKES OUT THE OLD LANGUAGE, WHICH IDENTIFIED THE GUIDE FOR (WORD?) SPECIFICATIONS AND CREATED A NEW DEFINITION, WHICH IS THE NEW URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN AND REPLACES THAT STRICKEN LANGUAGE WITH THE NEW URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN AS THE DOCUMENT TO GUIDE THE ORDINANCE.

THERE ARE SOME OTHER SMALL TYPOS AND LANGUAGE THAT WAS CHANGED PER THE DIRECTION OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO CLEAN OTHER THINGS UP. AS MENTIONED AS WELL BY GRANT, THE INTENT IS TO LATER AND TOWARDS THE END OF 2024 COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH SOME POTENTIAL LARGER REVISIONS AROUND THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE THAT DOES THINGS LIKE IDENTIFY TREES AS CRITICAL GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND STRENGTHEN SOME OF THE LANGUAGE AROUND THE VALUE THAT THEY HAVE FOR THE COMMUNITY. AS OF RIGHT NOW THEY ARE STRIKING THE CHANGE OUT OF THE DOCUMENT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.

A NOTE TO THE COMMISSIONS THAT REVIEWED THE PLAN AND THE STRIKES IN THIS ORDINANCE FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT AS WELL, WHICH INCLUDED ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMISSION AS WELL AS COMMUNITY DESIGN COMMISSION.

ANY QUESTIONS?

VERY GOOD.

THANK YOU.

CLICK QUARTERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL?

CORY, ANY QUESTIONS?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: NO.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

CLICK QUARTERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL.

>> TRUSTEE ENYIA.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE STRAW.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE PARAKKAT.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE ROBINSON.
>> YES.
>> TRUSTEE WESLEY.
>> YES.
>> PRESIDENT SCAMAN.
>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: YES.

DO WE HAVE ANY CALLED THE BOARD TONIGHT?

WE DO.

WONDERFUL.

CALL TO BOARD AND CLICK.

CLICK QUARTERS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO START US OFF THIS EVENING?

>>CLERK: EARLY VOTING BEGINS MARCH 4, SHOULD RESIDENTS NEED ASSISTANCE WITH VOTER REGISTRATION, EARLY VOTING HOURS, POLLING LOCATIONS OR WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE REGISTERED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK'S OFFICE AT 708-358-5670 OR BY EMAIL AT CLERK@OAK-PARK.US.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AT THANK YOU.

TRUSTEE ENYIA?

>>TRUSTEE ENYIA: TWO QUICK THINGS.

I KNOW THEY ARE NOT WATCHING, BUT WANTED TO TELL MY LONGTIME NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBORS CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

THEY HAVE LIVED HERE IN OAK PARK FOR THAT WHOLE TIME AND THE MOM WORKED AT MOMENTUM DANCE STUDIO.

THE HUSBAND SUPPORTED ALL OF THE STUFF THAT NIKKI MERRICK DID AND TOOK VIDEOS OF ORCHESTRAS.

JUST A GREAT EXAMPLE OF A DAD.

AND I ALWAYS LOVED THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND THEIR FRIENDSHIP TO MY PARENTS THROUGHOUT ALL OF THESE YEARS.

THEY HAVE HELPED MY DAD THROUGH CANCER AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR THEM.

WANTED TO THANK THEM FOR EVERYTHING THEY HAVE DONE.

THEY HAVE DONE SUCH A GREAT JOB OF BEING GREAT PARENTS TO THEIR KIDS. SO TO NIKKI AND LARRY MERRICK, WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY 50TH.

THE SECOND IS THE LIBRARY WAS INVITED TO THE COOK COUNTY BOARD'S MEETING LAST WEEK, WHERE THE RESOLUTION WAS READ FOR DOCTOR PERCY JULIAN IN JUST SUCH A GREAT HONOR TO BE THERE, BUT TO SEE ALL OF THE RECOGNITION BECAUSE IT ALSO HAPPENED TO BE THE ANNIVERSARIES OF THE DIFFERENT DIVINE NINE SORORITIES AND FRATERNITIES.

TO HAVE THEM ALL IN THE HOUSE AND HONOR PERCY, DOCTOR PERCY JULIAN, HIS WIFE WHO WAS ALSO A PLEDGE AS WELL FOR HER SORORITY WAS A HUGE THING TO BE A PART OF.

YOU KNOW, THAT WAS IN MY LIBRARY WORLD, BUT AS A VILLAGE I'M ALWAYS SO PROUD TO HAVE HIM AS SOMEONE WE CAN ALL LOOK FORWARD TO AND HE DID UTILIZE PLANTS AND ALL OF THOSE THINGS TO MAKE SOME PRETTY AWESOME DISCOVERIES IN THE MEDICAL FIELD.

JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HONOR HIM AND ALL OF HIS SACRIFICES THAT HE GAVE TO OAK PARK AND TO OUR COMMUNITY.

SO THANK YOU.

>>TRUSTEE STRAW: PASS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT.

GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO BE THERE AS WELL.

SOME OF OUR OAK PARK RESIDENTS ARE ALSO EMPLOYEES OF THE LIBRARY. SO I WAS INVITED LAST WEEK TO TOMORROW VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE AS COMMUNITIES IN ACTION, BUILDING A BETTER ILLINOIS AND INDIANA AS CHOSEN THROUGH DICK DURBIN'S OFFICE.

SUPER PROUD TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT AND LOOKING FORWARD TO BRINGING BACK WHAT WE HAVE HERE AND BE ABLE TO SHARE ALL THE GREAT WORK HERE IN OAK PARK AND THEIR PRIORITIES WE HAVE FOR THE FUTURE AND GRATEFUL TO VILLAGE STAFF FOR HELPING PUT SOME OF THAT - THOSE DOCUMENTS TOGETHER AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

THANK YOU.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OKAY.

I WOULD ENTERTAIN.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I HAVE SOMETHING.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: OH YEAH!

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME!

I DO NOT NEED TO TELL AIDAN TO GO TO BED BECAUSE I CAN JUST GO DO THAT IN A SECOND, BUT I DID WANT TO HIGHLIGHT A NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN.

COMEDY PLEX COMEDY CLUB HAD ITS RIBBON-CUTTING LAST THURSDAY, UNFORTUNATELY I MISSED IT BECAUSE I WAS HOMESICK, BUT I THINK THIS IS STEP ONE IN OAK PARK BECOMING A NIGHTLIFE DESTINATION.

WE CAN ONLY DREAM AND ONE OF MY GOOD FRIENDS, SEAN FLANNERY WILL BE HEADLINING THERE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY THIS WEEKEND.

HE IS AMAZINGLY FUNNY.

HIS GREAT, AWESOME OAK PARK JOKES.

YOU LOVE IT.

SO EVERYONE SHOULD GO OUT AND REALLY SUPPORT THIS PLACE SO WE CAN GET NOT ONLY - NOT ONLY SO WE CAN KEEP THIS NIGHTLIFE GOING, BUT SO THAT WE CAN GET MORE AS WELL.

THAT IS WHAT I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AWESOME.

I THINK YOU COULD REALLY BOOK A WHOLE MONTH OFF OF OAK PARK JOKES.

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: OH, HE HAS.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: AS MUCH AS WE LOVE IT.
ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: THANK YOU.

SECOND?

>>TRUSTEE WESLEY: I SECOND.

>>PRESIDENT SCAMAN: VERY GOOD.

ENJOY YOUR EVENING, CORY, I'M GLAD YOU ARE FEELING BETTER.

ALL IN FAVOR?

>> AYE.

[PROGRAM ENDED]