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SHADE TREE COMMISSION MEETING
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MAY 17, 2021
5:34 p.m.

JEANNE LYONS, Chair.
KEITH BENJAMIN, Council Liaison
LARRY GIBLOCK
LYNN HILLOW
AVA PETERSON
GEORGETTA RAY

NANCY L. MOLNAR, RPR, CLR

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1 motion to approve the minutes?
2 MS. PETERSON: I move to approve the
3 minutes as you say as amended, Jeanne.
4 MS. LYONS: Yes, as amended.
17:39:02 5 MS. PETERSON: As amended the minutes
6 from February 2020.
7 MS. LYONS: Correct, February 10, 2020.
8 MS. PETERSON: Okay.
9 MS. RAY: I second.
17:39:12 10 MS. LYONS: Thank you, Georgetta. All
11 in favor, raise your hand.
12 Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.
13 MR. BENJAMIN: I have to abstain. I
14 don't think I was at that meeting.
17:39:25 15 MS. LYONS: Thanks, Keith. Motion is
16 passed. Now, moving to last month's minutes, are
17 there any changes, corrections?
18 MS. RAY: It was quite a difference.
19 (Laughter.)
17:39:42 20 MS. LYONS: We want that from you all
21 the time now, Georgetta.
22 MS. RAY: No way. Okay. That was so
23 funny.
24 MS. LYONS: I knew that would impress
17:39:51 25 you. (Laughter.) Are there any changes or

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1 MS. LYONS: So let's call the meeting to
2 order. Nancy, do you need the names of roll
3 call?
4 THE REPORTER: Not if you don't want to
17:34:15 5 take it. I have listed who's here.
6 MS. LYONS: For our first order of
7 business, I'd like to go back to our February 10,
8 2020 draft minutes. And those were the ones that
9 were in question because of one sentence. I
17:34:45 10 asked Georgetta to remove the sentence as
11 follows: The sentence is, "We are unable to use
12 grant money in order to plant and/or maintain
13 trees in the Village."
14 Because it was so ambiguous, I asked her
17:35:02 15 to strike it from the minutes. And therefore, I
16 would like, again, to have a motion to approve
17 the February 10, 2020 minutes.
18 (Telephone interruption.)
19 This is Larry. Can you hold a minute,
17:35:20 20 please.
21 (Discussion off record.)
22 MS. LYONS: Okay. So it's ambiguous as
23 worded and, therefore, I'd like to once again get
24 this off my plate. This is February 10, 2020
17:38:49 25 minutes, without that sentence. So can I have a

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1 corrections? I don't have any.
2 MS. HILLOW: I don't have any.
3 MS. PETERSON: No.
4 MS. RAY: No, I move that we approve.
17:40:06 5 MS. LYONS: May I have a motion to
6 approve the minutes from last month?
7 MS. RAY: I move that we approve the
8 minutes from last month.
9 MS. HILLOW: Second.
17:40:18 10 MS. LYONS: All in favor, raise your
11 hand.
12 Ayes: 5. Nays: 0.
13 MS. LYONS: Motion passes. Thank you.
14 First agenda item is term limits. Georgetta has
17:40:32 15 graciously accepted another term for which I'm
16 grateful. She has a history with us and I trust
17 her work explicitly, which brings me to the two
18 other commissioners, Ava and Larry. And since
19 Larry is not here, I will talk with him
17:40:54 20 privately.
21 Their terms conclude next month. And I
22 need to reiterate that Dave Matty said that if
23 they do not renew their term, the seat must be
24 vacated. And the vacated seat must be posted and
17:41:17 25 then it goes to council to approve.

1 So Ava, what say you?
 2 MS. PETERSON: I'll renew.
 3 MS. LYONS: Pardon?
 4 MS. PETERSON: I will renew.
 17:41:29 5 MS. LYONS: Oh, thank you. Ava is one
 6 of our, I think, longest serving commissioner.
 7 Thank you, Ava. I appreciate that. I think you
 8 are the longest serving commissioner.
 9 MS. PETERSON: You're welcome.
 17:41:47 10 MS. LYONS: Pardon?
 11 MS. PETERSON: I said you're welcome.
 12 MS. LYONS: Moving on to Eddy Road
 13 median. Pat, I did not receive an e-mail from
 14 you with your thoughts on locations for the
 17:42:00 15 daffodils.
 16 MS. MEADE: I sent it to Larry.
 17 MS. LYONS: Well, Larry did not forward
 18 it on to me.
 19 MS. MEADE: Okay. Well, I had some
 17:42:14 20 suggestions that we had talked about. The new
 21 school acquisition as an entranceway may be a
 22 possibility. I forget how many he thought how
 23 many daffodils there were, but I thought there
 24 was a lot more in the median than that. So I
 17:42:31 25 thought that could be a possibility. I thought
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1 Sunset Park, the Community Center, so I think
 2 there are several places where the daffodils
 3 could be placed.
 4 I just think it should kind of be
 17:42:42 5 strategic. And since I thought there was a lot
 6 more than what he had originally mentioned, I
 7 guess that would be the first orders to really
 8 have a firmer idea of how many there are that
 9 need to be transplanted. And on the hillside for
 17:42:58 10 Village Hall, while that is an option, I
 11 personally don't think it's the best option.
 12 Since these are smaller sized daffodils, I know
 13 Sue Capello last time said there's maintenance,
 14 you have to deadhead. Not with the smaller ones,
 17:43:18 15 there's no deadheading. There's really no
 16 maintenance really involved with it, so that
 17 wasn't an issue from my perspective. So, again,
 18 not knowing what quantity we had to deal with, I
 19 didn't know what kind of discussion you may want
 17:43:27 20 to have today on it.
 21 MS. LYONS: The issue that I have is
 22 I've been pulling out of Bratenahl Place and
 23 looking at green stems for the past four weeks.
 24 And pretty soon those stems are going to be
 17:43:45 25 yellow stems. And I just think that if they're
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1 planted at entranceways and then -- this is Larry
 2 trying to keep calling me.
 3 Angela, is there a number he can call
 4 you to call in?
 17:44:09 5 MS. FERNANDES: To call into the meeting
 6 itself or to call me personally?
 7 MS. LYONS: Can he call you, the number?
 8 Is there a number that he can call to dial in?
 9 MS. FERNANDES: He's unable to do it
 17:44:23 10 through the website?
 11 MS. LYONS: I guess not.
 12 MS. RAY: What about through the e-mail?
 13 You sent him a link through the e-mail, do you
 14 think he can do it that way?
 17:44:39 15 MS. LYONS: That was quite a while ago.
 16 MS. RAY: It was May 6th.
 17 MS. PETERSON: If he still has the
 18 e-mail, he can still do it that way. That's how
 19 I did it last time, yeah.
 17:44:49 20 MS. MEADE: The other place, Jeanne, I
 21 had thought about was at Bratenahl Place with the
 22 coastal at the end where the bollards are.
 23 MS. LYONS: Hold on a minute, Pat.
 24 (Discussion off record.)
 17:45:22 25 MS. LYONS: He's going home. He's
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1 getting picked up. Say that again, Pat.
 2 MS. MEADE: The other place I was
 3 thinking about was at the end of Eddy Road where
 4 the curbing is and then the fence, you've got
 17:45:38 5 those bollards. And then from the service
 6 department they're kind of a cut off log and it's
 7 got that rope and it's been -- the right-hand
 8 side of it has the rope is the deteriorating, it
 9 looks horrible, it has the big rocks. They could
 17:45:55 10 do the bollards like they did at Sunset Park.
 11 And you could use from the curb to the fence and
 12 create a little garden and a little bench and you
 13 can put maybe some of the daffodils there.
 14 So there's a variety of places where
 17:46:08 15 they could go, but I understand your point about
 16 not wanting to see the stems yellow and kind of
 17 look as they're dying that it's not the most
 18 attractive vision.
 19 MS. LYONS: Right. Could I have other
 17:46:24 20 commissioners jump into the fray here? Have you
 21 thought of other places?
 22 MS. MEADE: Even if you had a ground
 23 cover underneath it, whether it's Pachysandra or
 24 whatever, then when they fall over you really
 17:46:38 25 don't see it.
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1 MR. BENJAMIN: So here's my question,
2 when does it become too late in the season to
3 transplant these?

4 MS. LYONS: They can be transplanted
17:46:47 5 right now. Bulbs are very, very hardy. They can
6 be transplanted right now. I'd like to get them
7 out of the median right now. I was going to have
8 them pulled out and stockpiled until we decided.
9 They're still visible and they're not turning
17:47:07 10 yellow yet, so I told service department to just
11 -- we'll wait to see what happens with this
12 meeting and we'll just leave them in the median
13 for now, but no, you can transplant bulbs pretty
14 much any time.

17:47:19 15 MS. MEADE: There are two other places
16 at the end of Lake Shore Drive where there are
17 Stella D'Oro, for some reason service department
18 has inconsistently planted annuals there every
19 year. So, again, you can put a row of daffs in
17:47:34 20 the front of the Stella D'Oros at the end of Lake
21 Shore Drive as another option for placement or
22 even the service department, they built the new
23 building, they had spec'd a landscaping plan in
24 front of the building, by front meaning the front
17:47:50 25 side facing Garfield Lane. They really haven't
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1 planted anything, so maybe they can put a bed
2 there and dress it up a little. Again, not
3 knowing the number of daffodils there really are,
4 I think there are several spots where they could
17:48:04 5 go.

6 MS. LYONS: Daffodils self-populate. So
7 over the three years that we've had them, there
8 may be could be 25 percent more, but the bulbs
9 aren't the size of what was originally planted.

17:48:19 10 MS. PETERSON: Jeanne, could you explain
11 the value that you see in having them planted as
12 a daffodil hill in front of Village Hall? I
13 mean, what is the distinct advantage to that
14 location that you see, because that makes sense
17:48:35 15 to me. I mean, it's a visible spot, you know,
16 it's daffodil hill. I'm just wondering could you
17 maybe articulate why that location is appealing?

18 MS. LYONS: First of all, it would be
19 maintenance. They would all be in one place.
17:48:54 20 And service department would not have to go
21 around the Village watering a row of daffodils
22 here and there or a clump here and there. So
23 that would be one of my biggest issues. Joe can
24 just spray the whole hill with water and it's one
17:49:15 25 and done.

1 The next thing I would like to see is a
2 mass, a riot of color on that hill, whether they
3 have Village Hall or whether we have -- whatever
4 happens to the sheriff's department, the police
17:49:35 5 department, I'm sorry, I would love to see a riot
6 of color there. I think it would be a photo op
7 for the Village just like Lake View Cemetery is.
8 And because it's just a plain hillside now, it
9 would become a green hillside for the rest of the
17:50:01 10 time that they're done blooming. And I think it
11 would just -- it would save us time, it would
12 save the service department time if we could get
13 them out and get them planted now.

14 I just really don't want to deal with
17:50:19 15 more complaints from villagers about what is the
16 green and why is it yellow and it looks messy.
17 Everybody uses that word messy. So if the
18 daffodils are in one combined place, then they
19 would all look green together, they would all
17:50:39 20 look yellow together and I think it would just
21 take care of a lot of issues.

22 MS. PETERSON: Would you like to take a
23 vote on that? Are you asking to take a vote or
24 how do you want to proceed with that?

17:50:51 25 MS. LYONS: I would like to wait until
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1 Larry comes and logs on.

2 MR. BENJAMIN: So here's my thought
3 process on this is certainly some of the areas
4 that Pat has brought to us make a lot of sense
17:51:10 5 and there's a need to beautify those areas.
6 Particularly, in my opinion, Sunset Park and also
7 Lake Shore Drive on the east end.

8 At the same time, I also think that the
9 idea of putting them in front of the Village Hall
17:51:29 10 is a great idea. I mean, what prevents us from
11 taking these particular daffodils, transplanting
12 them over at Village Hall and then let's discuss
13 a plan to beautify some of these other areas with
14 other bulbs or other daffodils or other flowers.

17:51:50 15 MS. LYONS: Right. We can always take
16 daffodils from the hillside and put them in other
17 areas next year. That's an option, because
18 they'll always be there and they'll always be in
19 one place. I think I'm trying to be -- I'm
17:52:14 20 trying to think of the labor for Joe and the
21 service crews. I'm trying to think of not having
22 him water many, many different places in the
23 Village. And I just would like to wait for Larry
24 to come and be in on this vote, so I'm going to
17:52:36 25 move on and go on to new business.

1 MS. MEADE: Jeanne, I'm not trying to
 2 present a problem. I'm just trying to look at
 3 the character of the Village, and to Keith's
 4 point, beautification throughout. So I hope you
 17:52:56 5 didn't take it as me trying to create more work
 6 for anybody.
 7 MS. LYONS: No, not at all, Pat. We've
 8 got the issue of all the other perennials to deal
 9 with. And there's a lot of Liatris and a lot of
 17:53:12 10 Allium. So that's going to be our next project,
 11 but that won't be until probably September. So
 12 that's another option to use those around the
 13 Village, because you'll be going into a cooler
 14 planting time and the survivability rate would be
 17:53:32 15 much greater. We're coming into summer where
 16 it's going to be very hot.
 17 MS. RAY: I hope not.
 18 MR. BENJAMIN: It's going to be hot
 19 tomorrow.
 17:53:46 20 MS. LYONS: It's supposed to be in the
 21 80s, Georgetta, this week. Under new business, I
 22 had two emergency removals. The first one was at
 23 the end of Corning. There was a hanger. And,
 24 Nancy, the word hanger is a term of art for a
 17:54:04 25 limb that is hanging from a tree.
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1 The hanger was very large. And if it
 2 dropped on someone who was walking on the
 3 sidewalk, would kill them. So I had Inspired
 4 Tree Service come the next day when it was
 17:54:25 5 identified and they removed it for me.
 6 The other tree was in the bird
 7 sanctuary. And it had fallen on the wires and it
 8 was hanging over the sidewalk. So I asked
 9 service department to save some money if we could
 17:54:44 10 use them, if they could get it out, because it
 11 was tangled up in the wires. And Joe and crew
 12 did remove it. So those were the two emergency
 13 removals in the Village.
 14 And as I mentioned to you last meeting,
 17:55:01 15 I was asked to look at all the trees around the
 16 Bratenahl Center and to mark which ones were
 17 compromised. So I went out for three bids and
 18 Woodland Tree came back with the lowest bid. And
 19 they are going to start their work on Wednesday.
 17:55:25 20 MS. PETERSON: Can I just make a comment
 21 about the emergency removals?
 22 MS. LYONS: Sure.
 23 MS. PETERSON: I just think it's really
 24 valuable for all of us to pay attention to the
 17:55:35 25 need to be observant throughout the Village for
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1 these removals, because both of those situations
 2 were brought to my attention by a resident on
 3 Corning who stopped me and told me about them.
 4 And then I contacted Jeanne and the next day she
 17:55:53 5 had them taken care of. But it's just so
 6 valuable to have that input, so when you're out
 7 walking, driving, whatever, just sort of pay
 8 attention, you know, and let Jeanne know if you
 9 see something. It's one of those if you see
 17:56:12 10 something, say something kind of things, because
 11 that's our best way of finding out what's going
 12 on.
 13 MS. LYONS: That's a good point. Good
 14 point. There's so much maintenance that needs to
 17:56:23 15 be done in the Village on our street trees,
 16 unfortunately. And hopefully we will get to that
 17 this fall. We have to be really careful with Oak
 18 wilt, which is something that --
 19 MR. TAYLOR: What is that?
 17:56:44 20 MS. LYONS: If you trim an Oak at
 21 certain times of the year, it can kill it. It
 22 gets a wilt and it can spread to other Oaks.
 23 These are mainly I'm talking about Pin Oaks, but
 24 I believe even Red and Black Oaks will get Oak
 17:57:05 25 wilt and it will kill them, so you have to --
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1 there's a window, Rod, of when you can prune and
 2 when you can't prune Oaks. And it's not
 3 applicable to any other tree, just Oaks.
 4 I received a phone call -- I'm moving on
 17:57:22 5 to another topic. I received a phone call from
 6 Greg DeGulis. And Nancy, that's spelled
 7 D-E-G-U-L-I-S. And he's a Board member of the
 8 Bratenahl Community Foundation. And the
 9 Bratenahl Community Foundation is looking for a
 17:57:41 10 project that would increase their branding and
 11 their visibility.
 12 I made several suggestions, including
 13 Sunset Park. And he seemed to want to visit our
 14 median project. So they most likely would like
 17:58:04 15 to contribute funds once they see the budget.
 16 And I told him that I would keep him apprised as
 17 we moved forward about the median. And I wrote
 18 him a letter, I wrote him an e-mail today to tell
 19 him that I would be speaking with him after Shade
 17:58:23 20 Tree tonight.
 21 The process with the median, by the way,
 22 just to reiterate, is I have to apply for a
 23 permit from ODOT. And Pat, I did ask the Mayor
 24 about what made ODOT change their mind and he
 17:58:41 25 said it was a work in progress, that he has been
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1 working on them for many years. And he feels
2 that now they are accepting of our median
3 planting. Anyway, I told him that I would stay
4 in touch with him.

17:59:08 5 Once we get our permit from ODOT, then
6 -- and within that permit, we have to identify
7 the tree we're going to plant. We have to put
8 all the specifications down for the tree. For
9 example, what is the height of the tree? What is
17:59:24 10 the canopy?

11 Larry is here. Hi Larry.

12 MR. GIBLOCK: I made it.

13 MS. LYONS: Thank you, Jack.

17:59:40 14 MR. GIBLOCK: I got confused when you
15 stopped by my house you said, "You're coming to
16 the meeting, aren't you?"

17 I thought, okay, I'm going. (Laughter.)

18 MS. LYONS: I'm sorry, Larry. My
19 apologies. My apologies to Jack.

17:59:55 20 MR. GIBLOCK: My apologies, too.

21 MS. LYONS: So you identify the type of
22 tree and everything that they might want, the
23 viability, the longevity, the --

24 MR. GIBLOCK: Salt tolerance.

18:00:14 25 MS. LYONS: Yes, salt tolerance. So
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1 once they approve the permit, then I can approve
2 or I can work on a budget, get the budget
3 approved and then go out, make sure all the trees
4 are tagged that we want. First we have to find
18:00:35 5 the trees that we want. And this is really
6 difficult right now.

7 MR. GIBLOCK: Klyn has them, I think.

8 MS. LYONS: Pardon me?

9 MR. GIBLOCK: K-L-Y-N, Klyn Nursery.

18:00:50 10 MS. LYONS: Where are they?

11 MR. GIBLOCK: They're out on Ridge Road,
12 I think.

13 MS. LYONS: What road?

18:01:05 14 MR. GIBLOCK: Ridge Road in Lake County
15 in Madison, I think it is. Perry, they're in
16 Perry.

17 MS. LYONS: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. GIBLOCK: Here they are. 3322 South
19 Ridge Road, Perry.

18:01:34 20 MS. LYONS: Okay. Thank you, Larry.

21 MR. GIBLOCK: Sure.

22 MS. LYONS: Then I submit a rendering of
23 the selected trees to everyone. That has to be
24 approved. And I submit it to council, I submit

18:01:55 25 it to the administration and we go from there.
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1 MR. GIBLOCK: Okay.

2 MS. LYONS: So Mr. DeGulis will then
3 know what the budget looks like. The Bratenahl
4 Community Foundation will know how much they
5 would like to contribute, so that's where that
6 stands.

18:02:13 7 Moving on to another topic, the last
8 count that I took in the Village when I drive
9 through is eight dead public right-of-way trees,
18:02:31 10 which is unfortunate. So when we order the trees

11 for this fall, if the budget is sufficient, I
12 will include replacing those trees. And I asked
13 Joe Zalar to remove all the dead trees and then
14 we will replant where they were. Throughout the
18:02:54 15 Village you can see piles of soil, sawdust and
16 mulch where they were, but I just want you to be
17 aware that when you drive through the Village and
18 you see these pockets of emptiness, that we have
19 lost eight trees, which is very sad.

18:03:14 20 MR. GIBLOCK: Any particular reason why
21 we lost them?

22 MS. LYONS: Oh, there's a few people
23 that did construction and didn't take care of the
24 trees.

18:03:26 25 MR. GIBLOCK: Got it.
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1 MS. LYONS: Soil compaction, of course,
2 is always an issue. But I would like to go back,
3 Larry, we were going to take a vote on putting
4 the daffodils for now on the hill between Village
18:03:47 5 Hall and the sidewalk on 105th.

6 MR. GIBLOCK: Right.

7 MS. LYONS: This would be a -- it can be
8 permanent, it can be temporary. I know that
9 daffodils multiply and we'll always have a supply
18:04:05 10 to transplant to other areas. For now, I would
11 like to allow Joe to dig them up and plant them
12 before they get too soft and yellow and they
13 can't support being pulled up.

18:04:25 14 MR. GIBLOCK: Correct. That makes
15 sense.

16 MS. LYONS: Thank you. So may I have a
17 motion to transplant the daffodils from the
18 median to the hillside at Village Hall?

18:04:45 19 MR. GIBLOCK: I'll make the motion to
20 transplant the daffodils from the median strip to
21 Village Hall on the hillside.

22 MS. LYONS: Okay. Second?

23 MS. PETERSON: I'll second it.

18:04:56 24 MS. LYONS: All in favor, raise your
25 hand.

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1 Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.
 2 MS. LYONS: Thank you. Passes. I will
 3 contact service tomorrow.
 4 MR. GIBLOCK: Good.
 18:05:21 5 MS. LYONS: Let's see.
 6 MS. RAY: Jeanne, before you go on,
 7 regarding dead trees, there are two, I noticed
 8 there's two dead trees, I think it's a Hamlet's
 9 property.
 18:05:31 10 MS. LYONS: Hamlet?
 11 MS. RAY: Yeah, it's going west. I was
 12 just wondering would you approach them, but they
 13 are dead. They are dead and it's my concern, you
 14 know, they could fall over.
 18:05:47 15 MS. LYONS: I know where they are, yes.
 16 MS. RAY: You know where I'm talking
 17 about?
 18 MS. LYONS: Yes, I do. I don't know. I
 19 will talk to -- who is the man that just left
 18:06:00 20 there and moved into Bratenahl Place, Georgetta?
 21 MS. RAY: Blazey.
 22 MS. LYONS: I will contact Blazey and
 23 see who the head of their association is. Thank
 24 you.
 18:06:18 25 Larry, going back to term limits, would
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1 you be interested in serving another term?
 2 MR. GIBLOCK: I don't think I can,
 3 Jeanne. Given my mounting health issues, I think
 4 this really would be hard. I would be glad to be
 18:06:36 5 a consultant and come in, jump in occasionally
 6 for certain issues concerning plants or things of
 7 that nature, but making the monthly meetings
 8 would be very hard for me right now.
 9 MS. LYONS: I'm sorry to hear that.
 18:06:56 10 MR. GIBLOCK: I am, too. I am, too, but
 11 it's all catching up with me. The arthritis is
 12 just really bad.
 13 MS. LYONS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
 14 MR. GIBLOCK: Thank you.
 18:07:07 15 MS. PETERSON: That's a loss to us,
 16 Larry.
 17 MR. GIBLOCK: Like I say, I'm not going
 18 to go anywhere, I just won't be at the regular
 19 meeting.
 18:07:17 20 MS. LYONS: I might camp out on your
 21 doorstep.
 22 MR. GIBLOCK: I'm not planning on going
 23 anywhere, but I'll be glad to consult on
 24 occasion.
 18:07:26 25 MS. LYONS: Thank you.
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1 MR. GIBLOCK: You're welcome.
 2 MS. LYONS: That is a vacancy that will
 3 have to be posted.
 4 MS. GOYANES: Georgetta's comment about
 18:07:41 5 the dead tree, I know which tree she's talking
 6 about. I think that tree might be on conserved
 7 property. And before it gets torn down, I
 8 watched that tree and there's a lot of birds that
 9 use that tree, you know, the Woodpeckers, the
 18:07:59 10 Hawks. And if the tree is not in danger, I mean,
 11 if it is going to fall over, then, yes, obviously
 12 take it down, but that tree really gets used a
 13 lot by the birds.
 14 MR. GIBLOCK: I'm entirely with you on
 18:08:15 15 that. Here at Southside, Lucy and I purposely
 16 let trees like that stay on the property so that
 17 it can serve as a food source and homes for those
 18 type of birds.
 19 MS. GOYANES: Right. But if it is going
 18:08:33 20 to fall over, yeah, then absolutely, take it
 21 down, but watching that, I'm up on the 11th
 22 floor. And that tree is used constantly by the
 23 Hawks. There's a Hawk nest nearby, Woodpeckers,
 24 all sorts of birds.
 18:08:52 25 MS. LYONS: I agree, but I think the
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1 trees, Georgetta, that you're referencing are
 2 just close within the gate.
 3 MS. RAY: Yeah, they're right on the
 4 edge.
 18:09:03 5 MS. GOYANES: Oh, this is at the gate?
 6 I thought you were talking about the one closer
 7 to the creek and to the conserved property.
 8 MS. RAY: No, this is right on the edge
 9 of the property.
 18:09:14 10 MS. GOYANES: Okay. Yeah.
 11 MS. LYONS: If the tree came down, it
 12 would take out the fence and the sidewalk.
 13 MS. GOYANES: Then obviously, yeah, you
 14 need to take that. That needs to be taken care
 18:09:25 15 of.
 16 MR. GIBLOCK: What about we entertain
 17 the idea of leaving a very tall stump?
 18 MS. RAY: Yeah.
 19 MR. GIBLOCK: That can be used by the
 18:09:38 20 birds.
 21 MS. GOYANES: The wildlife that I've
 22 observed this year in the conserved property has
 23 been absolutely incredible.
 24 MS. LYONS: Right. But no beavers,
 18:09:52 25 right?
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1 MS. GOYANES: Actually, I think there is
2 a beaver, because while he hasn't built a damn,
3 but I have seen some fresh -- whatever you call
4 it when they start going after the trees, yeah.

18:10:10 5 MR. GIBLOCK: Gnawing, yeah.

6 MS. GOYANES: I did see a big rodent, I
7 guess. I mean, he's large.

8 MS. LYONS: Well, I can segue that right
9 into the next topic, which is new business, the
10 Western Reserve Land Conservancy twice a year
11 walks all of our conserved properties. And I had
12 the pleasure to do that last week with Pete
13 McDonald, who is the attorney and the director of
14 sustainability. And he will be issuing a report.

18:10:28 15 He does this twice a year. And he'll be issuing
16 a report for May in the near future. Reporting
17 on the conditions of the conserved land, which in
18 a lot of areas is deteriorating. And other areas
19 there's hope he sees, so I will not comment
20 further on that until we have his report in front
21 of us.

18:10:45 22 MR. GIBLOCK: I have to add that he also
23 came over and walked our property.

24 MS. LYONS: And very impressed.

18:11:17 25 MR. GIBLOCK: We got an A plus.
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1 MS. LYONS: Yes, you did.

2 MR. GIBLOCK: Everything that we're
3 doing.

4 MS. LYONS: And you have how many acres.

18:11:27 5 MR. GIBLOCK: 40. 4-0. 40.

6 MS. LYONS: 40 acres.

7 MR. GIBLOCK: Yes, 40.

8 MS. LYONS: Good for you. Good for Lucy
9 Weller and you.

18:11:39 10 MR. GIBLOCK: Oh, it's fabulous. It
11 really is. Good results.

12 MS. PETERSON: When is the second time
13 Pete walks the conserved land?

14 MS. LYONS: September.

18:11:51 15 MR. GIBLOCK: With that, I would like to
16 invite anybody who wants to come here and walk
17 our property, please do. You're welcome. You're
18 welcome to come. I'm home all the time.

19 MS. LYONS: And look at his vegetable

18:12:05 20 garden.

21 MR. GIBLOCK: Oh, yes. Yes, yes, yes,
22 it's just a little vegetable garden.

23 MS. LYONS: Not little to me.

24 MR. GIBLOCK: Yes, anybody is welcome.

18:12:17 25 MS. LYONS: Is there any other business
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1 to be brought before the Commission? Please
2 think about the perennials, keep thinking about
3 that. I will keep doing my due diligence on
4 finding trees with Jason Knowles that will
5 beautify our median. That's a search that goes
6 far and wide, but it's fun.

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7 MR. GIBLOCK: I do have some thoughts on
8 those specific topics, the perennials, the
9 grasses that we'll need to find homes, so I will
10 send those thoughts off to you.

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11 MS. LYONS: Okay. Great. Thank you.

12 MS. PETERSON: Talking about the median,
13 I'll just say, and I sent a lot of photographs to
14 Jeanne about this, but Hilliard Boulevard all
15 through Rocky River and Westlake, they have trees
16 planted in that median.

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17 MR. GIBLOCK: Yes.

18 MS. LYONS: They're Locusts, Larry.

19 MS. PETERSON: But the point is they
20 have trees in their median. So in support of the
21 use of the medians, Rocky River and Westlake have
22 both done that.

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23 MR. GIBLOCK: Yeah, Rocky River,
24 Westlake and Lakewood all have really very

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1 people free rein to do what they want with no
2 interference. And that's the big difference
3 between them and us.

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4 MS. LYONS: Okay. Yeah, those were
5 Locusts, Larry.

6 MR. GIBLOCK: Yeah, not the best choice.

7 MS. PETERSON: But trees.

8 MR. GIBLOCK: But trees nonetheless,
9 yes, so it is possible to do.

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10 MS. PETERSON: Yeah.

11 MS. LYONS: Our next meeting will be
12 scheduled for the third Monday of June, which is
13 the 21st. And it also is the first day of
14 summer, guys.

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15 MR. GIBLOCK: That was my wedding
16 anniversary. Laurel and I were married on the
17 first day of summer.

18 MS. LYONS: I'm going to miss you,
19 Larry.

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20 MR. GIBLOCK: Like I say, I'm not going
21 anywhere. I'll be around, don't worry. Like
22 Ava, you're not going to get rid of me.
23 (Laughter.)

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24 MS. PETERSON: It's a loss to the
25 commission to not have you consistently with us.
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1 MR. GIBLOCK: Well, thank you. But like
2 I say, my health issues have just been very
3 challenging. Very challenging.

4 MS. LYONS: Well, we'll miss you.

18:15:05 5 Anything else before I adjourn? I have to walk
6 into this other Zoom meeting.

7 MR. GIBLOCK: Oh, okay. Have fun.

8 MS. LYONS: Thank you, Laura. Thank
9 you, Pat. Thank you, Keith.

18:15:22 10 MR. BENJAMIN: Thank you. Thank you,
11 Larry.

12 MR. GIBLOCK: Thank you.

13 MS. LYONS: Do I have a motion to
14 adjourn the meeting, please.

18:15:34 15 MS. HILLOW: Motion to adjourn.

16 MS. LYONS: Second?

17 MS. RAY: I second the motion.

18 MS. LYONS: All in favor?

19 Ayes: 6. Nays: 0.

18:15:50 20 (Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.)

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