

Village of Antioch, Illinois

**RESOLUTION 18-15**

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING A REQUEST TO DEDICATE A  
PARK TREE TO JAMES "JIM" SERZYNSKI**

**WHEREAS**, James Serzynski and family became a part of the Antioch Community in 1992. He owned and operated an Antioch based company, James Alexander Carpentry for over 16 years. He loved and contributed much to the Antioch community, and

**WHEREAS**, later in his life, James Serzynski battled illness for several years but always displayed a selfless amount of courage and strength, and

**WHEREAS**, James Serzynski passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love and fond remembrances by all who knew him, including his family members and his work family, and

**WHEREAS**, James Serzynski's wife, Kim, has petitioned the Village Board on behalf of his surviving family and work family, seeking approval to plant a tree dedicated to James Serzynski, and her presentation of the petition convincingly and eloquently demonstrated that a remembrance of this nature is entirely fitting to such an important and integral member of our community, and

**WHEREAS**, James Serzynski's family has offered to pay the entire cost of the planting of the tree and plaque, and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board, in exercise of its rights and obligations to maintain the Village's parks and properties for the common good, and in exercise of its discretion to honor individuals who have contributed to the community in ways unique to themselves, finds that allowing the Mrs. Serzynski's request is appropriate to the community and to the memory of James Serzynski,

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village of Antioch, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

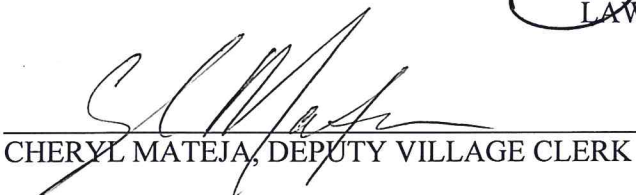
**SECTION ONE:** Kim Serzynski's request to plant a tree in a village park in honor of James Serzynski is granted, subject to the terms and conditions set forth on Exhibit A hereto.

**SECTION TWO:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH, ILLINOIS, ON THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

ATTEST:

  
LAWRENCE M. HANSON, MAYOR

  
CHERYL MATEJA, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK



Village of Antioch, Illinois

**EXHIBIT A – TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- 1) The entire cost of the tree and plaque must be paid for in full by family before installation begins.
- 2) The tree will be positioned to maximize the benefit and development of the property, but staff will make reasonable attempts to accommodate family's wishes.
- 3) The Village will notify the family in the event that the tree is damaged, whether repairable or beyond repair.
- 4) The Village reserves the right to remove the tree, should it become damaged beyond economic repair or has not been repaired within 4 weeks of notification referred to in (3) above.
- 5) The Village accepts no liability for damage to the tree from vandals, their parties or while the Village carries out routine maintenance on Village property.
- 6) A ceremony or gathering at the time of the tree placement is permitted, but must be arranged in advance with Village Staff.
- 7) The Village maintains the right to relocate the tree in order to accommodate maintenance and improvements within the parks and adjoining public property. No property right interest is granted by allowing this application, nor shall any such right develop or ripen, no matter how long the bench may be in place. The parks and adjoining areas shall permanently remain public spaces primarily dedicated to the enjoyment, beauty and recreation of the citizens of the Village of Antioch.
- 8) All costs associated with the installation, including materials and labor, will be the responsibility of the family. The Village will provide estimates for the materials, and labor associated with installation. The family shall post 120% of the full amount of the estimate with the Village to ensure payment. The Village will thereafter procure the all materials and supply the labor, and ultimately account for the expenditures. Any shortfall shall be promptly paid by the family and any overage shall be promptly refunded to them.
- 9) The tree shall be of the type specified by the Village to be in keeping with the look and feel of the park they will located. Generally speaking trees should be uniform within the parks they are located.
- 10) The Administrator shall review and, in his sole discretion, approve the language of any inscription in the plaque.
- 11) In accordance with the current maintenance regimen for trees, the Village will maintain the tree. However the Village will bear no responsibility for replacement for the tree at the end of its useful life. Any replacements of trees or plaques will be the responsibility of the original applicant.
- 12) No additional mementos e.g. vases, statues, flowers or wreaths etc., shall be permitted on or around the tree.
- 13) No maintenance shall be carried out by a third party except strictly as permitted in writing by the Village.