

America In Bloom Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 6pm

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm. Members present See attached

Pamela Newton sent around packets and thank you notes for judges for each committee member to sign. The judges will arrive on Sunday evening, July 14<sup>th</sup>. . On Monday July 15 and Tuesday July 16, they will tour HW residents gardens, parks, commercial buildings, administration buildings and important structures and buildings in HW. All AIB members are requested to attend a reception on Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at trustee Dominick Dimaggio's home at 7 South Meadow Lane. They are requested to share their reasons for loving Hawthorn Woods and for being on this committee. Bring a dessert and RSVP to Pam.

The signature planter program (hollowed out tree trunks) has been outstanding due to committee member efforts to engage all commercial owners to accept one or two trees and plant them at their place of business as well as the carving work done by public works. One owner claimed that this was the best thing that has ever happened in Hawthorn Woods. A planter will be placed next to the flag at the police station and committee members will fill it with a display of annuals.

The Monarch butterfly program is going well. 28 monarch friendly plant kits were purchased at a reduced price through Hawthorn Gardens. Volunteers have planted a myriad of swamp milkweed at Briarwoods. And popcorn was sold at the last Friday evening concert to raise money for further efforts. An educational brochure would be helpful to residents.

The new logo on all of the stone work is done and will be placed appropriately.

The Leo Burnett property is now legally and correctly in Hawthorn Woods. Prior to this the house was stated as being in Lake Zurich. As an ad campaign mogul, Leo Burnett purchased this property in 1958 (annexed in 1960) as the most wonderful village for him to be creative. The home and corncrib is still there.

Cultural heritage artifact program is most successful. Our farm implements that were donated by village residents are becoming public art. And we have procured a potawatami tribe fossil found in HW.

The adopt-a-park program is a success. Most of our parks have been adopted by volunteer residents. We will be looking at parks that might need a bit of sprucing up near the park signage (which has been planted with Echinacea, Catmint and Ornamental grasses) a few days before the judges arrive.

There is, essentially, a garden club for Hawthorn Woods residents. The Long Grove/Kildeer garden club hosts a garden walk each year -and many of the garden members and hosts are from Hawthorn Woods. In fact, two out of the four featured gardens in the walk are residents of Hawthorn Woods! Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is the garden walk. We are working with the club to perhaps change its name to more reflect the other towns that participate (such as Hawthorn Woods).

The Initiative in Action for Hawthorn Woods (our replies to suggestions made by last year's judges) and the Village of Hawthorn Woods Community Profile have been sent to all committee members electronically. These will be shared with the judges.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Village Barn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Kaiser

**June 26, 2019 HW In Bloom Committee**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Bob Riddle

Beryl Ibbotson

Laurel Kaiser

Lauren Vondrasek

Samina Imtiaz

Beth Ann Dodge

Tosi Ufodike

Megan Masana

Melissa Romeo

Committee Members Absent:

Farah Laman

Margo Pelak

Patrick Raftery

Richard Kirshner

Susan Bender

Staff Members Present:

Pamela Newton

Brian Sullivan