



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
SPECIAL HAWTHORN WOODS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
AUGUST 18, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. WELCOME

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Ms. Pelak called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Bob Riddle, Beth Ann Dodge, Lauren Vondrasek, Megan Masana, Margo Pelak and Beryl Ibbotson. Absent were Samina Imtiaz, Farah Laman, Tosi Ufodike, Laurel Kaiser and Karen Johanson.

Also present were Chief Operating Officer Pamela Newton, Chief Administrative Officer and Village Clerk Donna Lobaito, Parks and Recreation Director Brian Sullivan, and Trustee James W. Kaiser.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JULY 15, 2020

Motion by Riddle, second by Vondrasek to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Committee.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Riddle, Dodge, Vondrasek, Masana, Pelak, Ibbotson

Nays: None

Absent: Imtiaz, Laman, Ufodike, Kaiser, Johanson

Motion carried.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

None this month.

IV. CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER REPORT

Ms. Newton reported that a press release will be going out regarding the Village's designation as a Dark Skies Community. She also reported that the Village has submitted applications for three competition categories as well as Best in Nation to America In Bloom. All Hawthorn Woods In Bloom committee members are invited to attend this year's virtual symposium.

Ms. Ufodike joined the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

V. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES AND REPORTS

Urban Forestry – Ms. Vondrasek is the chair, and she reported that Mr. Sullivan signed up to assist as well. This committee will be working on a plant exchange, seed library, planting fall bulbs, and soliciting help. Ms. Newton commented that Robin Grooms from AmeriCorps can support their efforts and assist with making pamphlets.

Flowers and Landscaping – Beryl Ibbotson is the chair, and she reported that she can assist with Ms. Vondrasek’s efforts. She also reported that her committee will continue to maintain the garden outside the police station.

Fundraising and Special Events – Bob Riddle is the chair, and he reported that it’s difficult to do much with the social distancing requirements. He secured a popcorn machine for community events. Ms. Newton suggested Mr. Riddle contact Richard Kirshner as he has made cash donations in the past towards the committee’s efforts. Mr. Riddle noted that Bill Koch at Hawthorn Gardens may want to make a donation as well. It was suggested that staff check with some of the landscapers to see if they want to give away some of their bulbs as they change out flowers for the seasons.

Adopt-A-Park – Tosi Ufodike is the chair, and she reported staff sent out a newsletter looking for volunteers for our parks, and that there had been some success with that effort. She also noted volunteers are lined up to remove buckthorn from Woodland Park. Lastly, Ms. Ufodike mentioned she recently opened Kiddie Academy and worked with landscapers to enhance the property with flowers.

Heritage – Megan Masana is the chair, and she commented that she was hoping to get a copy of the judge’s recommendations for heritage. Ms. Newton stated we would get something in writing later this fall. Ms. Masana will continue her research and work on the church history, Ela township and the history of native people in the area.

Monarch Butterflies – Ms. Pelak noted we still need a chair for this committee, and suggested it may be combined with Urban Forestry.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Pelak suggested the committee hold a socially distanced social event to do plantings around Village Hall. Ms. Newton said a date should be selected and we can encourage families to participate.

The committee discussed attendance at the meetings. Ms. Lobaito said she would provide Ms. Pelak with a record of attendance at the meetings.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Lobaito mentioned that due to the ongoing emergency order in place by the governor, it was not prudent or practical to meet in person, therefore tonight's meeting was held via Zoom. Ms. Lobaito was at Village Hall for the meeting.

Trustee Kaiser stated how proud he was of the committee and all they accomplished even during the pandemic.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Ibbotson to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote.

Ayes: Riddle, Ufodike, Dodge, Vondrasek, Masana, Pelak, Ibbotson

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Imtiaz, Laman, Kaiser Johanson

Motion carried.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk