



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
HAWTHORN WOODS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
JUNE 23, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Ms. Pelak called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Farah Laman, Lauren Vondrasek, Appaji Valavala, Margo Pelak, Beth Ann Dodge, Beryl Ibbotson, and Karen Johanson. Absent were Bob Riddle, Samina Imtiazi, Anne Carlson, Megan Masana, and Tracy Allen.

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

Ms. Lobaito noted that due to the ongoing pandemic and the governor's executive order, it is impractical to meet in person; therefore, the meeting was being held via Zoom. Ms. Lobaito noted that she was present at Village Hall.

II. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None this month.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED APRIL 28, 2021

Motion by Johanson, second by Vondrasek to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Committee.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Laman, Vondrasek, Valavala, Pelak, Dodge, Ibbotson, and Johanson

Nays: None

Absent: Riddle, Imtiazi, Carlson, Masana, Allen

Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

A. Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Newton reported that the Village of Mundelein is joining America In Bloom and forming a committee. She also reported that the two-month review by the AIB

judges in ongoing now. Several sites were toured, and the review will conclude by the end of July. Ms. Newton thanked Ms. Pelak for her time and tour last week.

B. Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. Sullivan thanked Trustee Kaiser and his wife, Laurel, for opening their home and garden last week for the AIB judges' tour. He noted the judges commented on how genuine people in Hawthorn Woods seem. Mr. Sullivan noted pollinator plugs have been planted throughout the Village including Brierwoods Preserve and Meadowlark Park Arboretum. Islands are to be planted this weekend, and Mr. Sullivan is looking for volunteers. He also noted volunteers are needed for watering and weeding. Ms. Newton noted families can adopt one of our 44 islands.

V. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES/IDEAS

A. Flowers and Landscape

Ms. Ibbotson requested that pollinators be planted in the police garden. She noted that pollinators were planted on top of Stumpy, and the judges noticed them.

B. Celebrate Heritage

Ms. Masana was not present.

C. Monarch Butterflies/Pollinators

Ms. Vondrasek noted a seed library has been started, and it this information can now be disseminated to the public. Ms. Newton asked Ms. Vondrasek to prepare an invitation to residents to participate in the seed library. She noted the Concerts in the Park can be used as a venue for the library and sharing of plants. She is also focusing on the monarch butterflies and will be soliciting our landscape garden centers to see if they will once again offer a discount for purchases. Mr. Sullivan noted the tree and seed packet distribution went well.

D. Urban Forestry

There was no Urban Forestry report this month.

E. Fundraising and Special Events

Mr. Riddle was not present at the meeting. Ms. Pelak noted she reached out to Mr. Riddle about setting up a table at the Concerts in the Park.

Ms. Newton suggested that future agendas contain a report from Trustee Kaiser. Trustee Kaiser indicated he has a lot of pride in the community.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Laman, Vondrasek, Valavala, Pelak, Dodge, Ibbotson, and Johanson

Nays: None

Absent: Riddle, Imtiaz, Carlson, Masana, Allen

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk