



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
HAWTHORN WOODS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 27, 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 6:07 p.m. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Appaji Valavala, Margo Pelak, Beth Ann Dodge, Beryl Ibbotson, Bob Riddle, Samina Imtiaz, and Megan Mesana. Absent were Anne Carlson, Karen Johanson, Farah Laman, Lauren Vondrasek, 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.

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 JUNE 23, 2021

Motion by Riddle, second by Imtiaz to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Committee.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Valavala, Pelak, Dodge, Ibbotson, Riddle, Imtiaz, Masana,

Nays: None

Absent: Laman, Carlson, Vondrasek, Johanson, Allen

Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

A. Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Newton introduced Ms. Kim Stewart to the committee. Ms. Stewart has been instrumental in submitting the village's grant applications related to America In Bloom. Ms. Newton reported Hawthorn Woods was the only community that won three national America In Bloom awards this year. Ms. Newton congratulated the Committee for their efforts with our national application.

B. Parks and Recreation Update

Mr. Sullivan reported that certain cul-de-sacs in the village were turned into pollinator pockets. He is hoping all islands in the future will become areas for monarch butterflies and other pollinators. He also thanked the committee for their involvement in judging the Garden of the Month winners. The tree management plan is in review by staff before going for legal review and on to the Village Board.

Ms. Pelak suggested a sub-committee for Garden of the Month nominations. She asked if any member would like to participate in this sub-committee. Mr. Riddle indicated it would be better to be able to see people's entire yard, not just the front yard as committee members drive around the village. Ideas were discussed. Ms. Imtiazi volunteered to participate in the sub-committee. Ms. Ibbotson said standards or written criteria are needed for the committee to assist with judging, such as requesting photos of the entire yard be submitted.

V. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES/IDEAS

A. Flowers and Landscape

Ms. Ibbotson said the police garden struggled this year as watering was a challenge with the drought.

B. Celebrate Heritage

Ms. Masana reported she was in touch with someone from the Potawatomi people to learn more about the cultural heritage and their migration to the Great Lakes area. She is trying to see some of the judges' documentation on what more they would like to see for the judging. Ms. Newton indicated Ms. Stewart will send the judges' comments to the committee.

C. Monarch Butterflies/Pollinators

There was no Monarch Butterflies/Pollinators report this month.

D. Urban Forestry

There was no Urban Forestry report this month.

E. Fundraising and Special Events

Mr. Riddle said it has been challenging to do marketing of events when we've been limited in our gatherings due to the pandemic.

Ms. Lobaito noted the next committee meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2022. She will email the committee the approved 2022 meeting calendar.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Valavala, Pelak, Dodge, Ibbotson, Riddle, Imtiaz, Masana,

Nays: None

Absent: Laman, Carlson, Vondrasek, Johanson, Allen

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk