



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS  
HAWTHORN WOODS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING  
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS  
NOVEMBER 2, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Ms. Vondrasek called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call indicated the following members were present: Beryl Ibbotson, Bob Riddle, Lauren Vondrasek, Appaji Valavala, Karen Johanson, Sally Folkes, Pam Scaletta and DiAnn Meagher. Absent were Samina Imtiaz, Margo Pelak, Beth Ann Dodge, Farah Laman and Megan Masana.

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. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME TO PAM SCALETTA AND DIANN MEAGHER**

Ms. Scaletta and Ms. Meagher were welcomed to the committee.

**III. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE**

None this month.

Ms. Laman joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JULY 13, 2022**

Motion by Riddle, second by Valavala to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Committee.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Valavala, Ibbotson, Riddle, Laman, Vondrasek, Johanson, Folkes, Scaletta, Meagher

Nays: None

Absent: Imtiaz, Pelak, Dodge, Masana

Motion carried.

**V. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

A. Chief Operating Officer—Pamela Newton

1. Symposium Update and Judge’s Visit

Ms. Newton reported Hawthorn Woods won the national championship in the area of Community Landscape at the America In Bloom symposium. Additionally, Ryan Mathy won the Community Champion Award. Ms. Newton has been asked to serve on the national board of directors and will she chair the symposium in South Carolina next year.

B. Parks and Recreation Update—Brian Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan recognized Ms. Newton for being selected to serve on the board of directors.

**VI. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES/IDEAS**

A. Flowers and Landscape—Beryl Ibbotson

Ms. Ibbotson reported on the planting of bulbs at the police department this year.

B. Celebrate Heritage—Megan Masana

No report this month.

C. Monarch Butterflies/Pollinators—Lauren Vondrasek

Ms. Vondrasek reported she has been working with the Rotary, and that crocus bulbs had been planted.

D. Urban Forestry—Lauren Vondrasek

Ms. Vondrasek report was included in the Monarch Butterflies/Pollinator report.

E. Fundraising and Special Events—Bob Riddle

Mr. Riddle reported he was at the last concert in the park and raised \$65 in donations. Additionally, he was at the Party in the Park and another \$85 had been raised.

F. Garden of the Month—Karen Johanson

Ms. Johanson reported on the committee’s efforts with the Garden of the Month. She suggested a brochure be developed and distributed to promote this event as many people are unfamiliar with the works of the Hawthorn Woods In Bloom committee. She noted the winners would be recognized at the November Village Board meeting.

Mr. Riddle proposed we get our name out more at the Arbor Day tree giveaway and bulb planting events. Ms. Newton said she would work with Ms. Pelak on developing a brochure. Ms. Laman suggested a jar be put out at community events to collect donations. Mr. Valavala recommended we engage the youth at our schools to partner with our committee.

Ms. Laman left the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Ms. Newton said we will assign watering locations in the Village.

G. Public Relations—Margo Pelak

No report this month.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Winter Activities/Ideas

No report this month.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Riddle, second by Valavala to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Valavala, Ibbotson, Riddle, Laman, Vondrasek, Johanson, Folkes, Scaletta,  
Meagher

Nays: None

Absent: Imtiaz, Pelak, Dodge, Masana

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito  
Village Clerk

The next meeting will be held on February 22, 2023

