



**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
HAWTHORN WOODS IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, ILLINOIS
APRIL 26, 2023
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, Lauren Vondrasek, Farah Laman, Appaji Valavala, Sally Folkes, Pam Scaletta, and DiAnn Meagher. Absent were Bob Riddle, Samina Imtiaz, Margo Pelak, Karen Johanson, 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. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

None this month.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED MARCH 22, 2023

Motion by Folkes, second by Laman to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 Hawthorn Woods In Bloom Committee.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Riddle, Imtiaz, Pelak, Johanson, Masana

Motion carried.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

A. Chief Operating Officer—Pamela Newton

Ms. Newton provided an update to the committee on development projects in the Village, specifically, Wintrust Bank at Quentin and Rt. 22, Sabor a Norte restaurant at the former Oregano's location, and The Barn at Timber Pointe event venue at Gilmer and Rt. 176.

Ms. Newton also reported that the America In Bloom Executive Director, Laura Kunkle was in town recently, and that the judges will be visiting Hawthorn Woods July 8 and 9. She informed the committee of the ongoing road widening of Old McHenry Road at the Preserves of Kildeer.

B. Parks and Recreation Update—Brian Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan updated the committee on the recent Earth Day activities and the clearing of buckthorn for the installation of trails at the Indian Creek Preserve. He noted he has the Garden of the Month signs ready in his office. He will be working with Ms. Ibbotson on flowers for the police department, and he mentioned the sapling giveaway will take place May 6th at the Aquatic Center.

V. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES/IDEAS

A. Flowers and Landscape—Beryl Ibbotson

Ms. Ibbotson reported that the police department garden is being transformed into a native garden.

B. Celebrate Heritage—Megan Masana

No report this month.

C. Monarch Butterflies/Pollinators—Lauren Vondrasek

Ms. Vondrasek reported the Ela Area Library has been designated a monarch waystation, and that there will be an event on May 16th at 1PM at the library.

D. Urban Forestry—Lauren Vondrasek

Ms. Vondrasek will soon distribute a weeding and watering agenda.

E. Fundraising and Special Events—Bob Riddle

No report this month.

F. Garden of the Month—Karen Johanson

Ms. Meagher reported members of the committee are keeping an eye out for residential gardens to nominate for the monthly awards. Ms. Meagher and Ms. Pelak have worked on updating our messaging for the Garden of the Month program.

G. Public Relations—Margo Pelak

Ms. Vondrasek reported that Ms. Pelak is working on a tri-fold brochure which will highlight the purpose and works of the committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Folkes reported the Lake County Master Gardeners will hold their plant sale on May 20th at the University of Illinois Extension Office in Grayslake. Additionally, the Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be holding a plant sale on the same day.

Mr. Sullivan mentioned he is looking for one seasonal employee to work in our parks department.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Riddle, Imtiaz, Pelak, Johanson, Masana

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Lobaito
Village Clerk

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2023