



THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
ENVIROMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING

February 15, 2007
7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Schweitzer at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Mr. Heraty
Mr. Bickley
Ms. Felice
Mr. Lee
Mr. Schweitzer

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Steve Riess, Trustee Liaison
Cliff Wright, Trustee

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Heraty, second by Mr. Lee to approve the August 2006 minutes.
On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Felice, second by Mr. Lee to approve the October 19, 2006 meeting minutes, subject to the date being changed. On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

III. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

None this month.

IV. New Business

None this month

V. Old Business

A. Bicycle Paths in the Village, and the Illinois Safe Route to School Initiative

Trustee Riess showed a map developed in 2004 from the comprehensive plan on bike routes to the committee. Members of the Park and Recreation Committee were invited to this meeting so that they have a good understanding on what they are trying to accomplish. Trustee Riess explained the importance of residents being able to travel throughout the Village on bike paths. He stated that Safe Routes to School funding allows Villages to create markers and right of way systems so that people can ride their bikes to school. These markers would direct people how to get to different areas of the Village. There are other initiatives for bike route funding.

Mayor Hunt arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Trustee Riess stated that bike enthusiasts will not take their children on busy roads even if there's a bike path on the side of the road. A certain amount of separation between the path and road are needed. He wants to come up with a game plan to connect the village.

Some of the western subdivisions are already or close to being connected together. The remaining piece is connecting Heritage Oaks Park. Trustee Riess stated that a route is needed to get to the aquatic center, YMCA and Community Park and the school could be labeled as an additional location. The committee discussed possible routes. Mayor Hunt mentioned the Village has applied for a bike grant.

The committee suggested that the bike route in the Comprehensive Plan be updated as some of the subdivisions are not indicated on this map. The committee also talked about the Village applying for grant money.

On a motion by Mr. Lee and a second by Ms. Felice, the Environmental Committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Schweitzer, Acting Chairperson

Donna Lobaito, Recording Secretary