



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL
Thursday, NOVEMBER 5TH, 2020 - 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Trustee Steve Riess. Sustainability members present were Brian Heraty, Mahmood Mohiuddin, and John Bickley. Also present were Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Sullivan, Sustainability Coordinator Robin Grooms, and Kim Hill, Environmental Program Manager at Audubon International.

Trustee Riess stated that there were no members of the public present at the meeting but if they were to subsequently join, they would be allowed to comment.

A motion was made to approve the October minutes by John Bickley, seconded by Brian Heraty. Mr. Mohiuddin stated that the minutes did not reflect the discussion regarding compost and should be amended to reflect his presentation.

Brian Sullivan provided his monthly report indicating that Meadowlark Park & Arboretum was officially opened to the public and that was already in use by residents. He also reported that Hawthorn Gardens generously donated 1000 Daffodil bulbs for the village to plant and Mr. Sullivan was coordination with Public Works and some residents to plant those in the parks and some of the cul-de-sacs in the village. He also reported they were moving forward with Trustee Riess' program to label key tree species in our parks and provide information to residents via a QR code they can scan with their phone.

Robin Grooms introduced Kim Hill, Audubon Program Manager, who is assisting and assessing the village for approval. Kim thanked Robin and the committee for the opportunity to speak and talked about the "leave no trace" program concepts. She also discussed the Village's pollinator initiative and how well we were addressing that program and why pollinators were important, reminding us that not only insects were pollinators but bats and hummingbirds as well.

A discussion was held regarding how the sustainability landing page should look. Trustee Riess outlined some of the challenges we faced because of web-site content management systems, and how we might best address them. He asked the committee to come up with 8-12 initial subjects / topics for the landing page and indicated it would be expanded upon at our next meeting.

There being no other business before the committee, A motion was made to adjourn by Mr. Bickley and seconded by Mr. Heraty, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Riess'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Trustee Steve Riess
01/07/2021