



**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**  
**THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS**  
**2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL**  
**Thursday, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021 - 7:00 PM**  
**VIA ZOOM MEETINGS**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Trustee Steve Riess. In attendance were Brian Heraty, John Bickely, Kathy Felice, Mary Kay Kolseth and Mahmood Mohiuddin. Also in attendance was Sustainability Coordinator Robin Grooms.

Trustee Riess introduced newly appointed member Mary Kay Kolseth, who gave a brief introduction of herself. Each person on the meeting also took a minute to introduce themselves to Mary Kay.

A motion was made by Mr. Heraty to approve the November minutes as published and seconded by Mr. Bickley. On a voice acclamation that motion carried unanimously.

Trustee Riess reported that Meadowlark Park and Arboretum had been officially opened and was already being utilized by residents. He also outlined some of the future plans for additional planting and uses of the park.

Sustainability Coordinator Grooms gave a report regarding awards received by the village from the Audubon Society. The village was awarded for their Sustainability Plan and was also awarded the Green Community recognition, an honor only conveyed to 11 other municipalities in the nation. She reported these were quite an honor and would possibly enable the village to receive additional grants for projects.

A discussion was held regarding the sustainability web pages for the village web site. Trustee Riess outlined the guidelines once again and outlined the priorities as received from several different members. These included topics such as Recycling, soil & water, composting, what is sustainability, what can I do, village resources, and others. After much discussion and a consensus, it was decided that the landing page would contain the following subjects in alphabetical order: What is sustainability, get involved, flora & Fauna, recycling, my home, village resources, energy, water, and soil. A discussion was held regarding the next steps for the web site and gathering of information and by consensus it was decided to start with What is Sustainability and Get Involved. Trustee Riess indicated he would reach out to the members and outline exactly what need to be done next.

Trustee Riess indicated that he would probably call a special meeting of the sustainability committee for February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

There being no other business before the committee, a motion was made by Ms. Felice to adjourn, Seconded by Mr. Mohiuddin, and the meeting was adjourned 8:11 PM.

Approved - 02-04-2021

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

Steve Riess, Trustee  
Village of Hawthorn Woods