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Minutes of the May 19, 2022 Sustainability Committee Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS, IL.
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL. 60047
THURSDAY, May 19, 2022 7:00 PM
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS
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1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm via Zoom. Trustee Steve Riess indicated that he was in attendance at the Village Hall and that the meeting was being conducted in accordance to the Governors' Executive Order allowing for zoom meetings during the continuation of the Covid crisis. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. Attending were John, Jodi, Ted, Steve, Mary Kay, Kathy, Mahmood. Staff Brian and Robin with Guest Steve Lane of Graf.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No Public were in attendance nor was any correspondence from the public received.

3. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES April 7, 2022

On a roll call vote all present aye and the motion carried to approve the minutes of April 7, 2022.

4. Trustee/Chairman Report

A. Trustee Steve Riess

1) Discussion on Website Design/Items for Display

Trustee Riess indicated that this was on his to do list and he would be looking into for our September meeting, which would be a Special Meeting. He apologized and stated it had just gotten away from him. Robin Grooms offered to help and Trustee Riess thanked her. Committee woman Clute also offered her assistance. Trustee Riess jokingly stated he would take all the help and expertise he could get.

2) Q&A Session to Follow

No Questions were asked

3) Suggested Updates for Tree Management Plan from Morton Arboretum

Trustee Riess relayed the final changes to several passages in the Urban Forest Tree Managements Plan being executed and drafted by Steve Lane with our project consultants Graf Great Lakes. The changes were suggested by the review team at the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative (CRTI) of the Morton Arboretum. These changes Trustee Riess explained will enable our document to be approved and thus merit the grant reimbursement of \$6,000. The final amended copy as presented the committee would if there was no objection, be submitted to the Village Board for adoption. No objections from the committee members participating on zoom was noted.

4) Review of Tree Give Away Event

Trustee Riess indicated that we traveled to the Mason State Nursery in Topeka Illinois to pick up over 600 trees (saplings) for free distribution to the public at the annual Sustainability Committee tree Give Away event held at the Aquatic Center. The distribution of trees started at 9 am and ran until noon on Saturday 5/7/2022 involved 163 vehicles, and 4 walk in families. He considered it a great success. He thanked all volunteers who came out to help. He gave the following report;

Black Chokeberry 125 given away 125 remaining 0

Elderberry 125 101 remaining 24

Grey Dogwood 150 given away 123 Remaining 27

Hazelnut 75 given away 95 Remaining 0

Norway Spruce 75 given away 95 Remaining 0

Overcup Oak 125 given away 89 Remaining 36

Bald Cypress 25 given away 25 Remaining 20

Total of trees distributed for planting on nonpublic property was a new record, 653 trees.

Trustee Riess also indicated milkweed packets were also given away.

5) Sustainability Committee Composition Review

Trustee Riess alerted the committee that there were some additions to the committee being appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Village Board. Hey included bring the Committee to seven members wit he addition of resident, Todd Klein.

5. Staff Reports

A) Brian J. Sullivan

Brian Reported on the Committees Success in applying for and receiving a seventh annual Tree City Award for 2021 ad for a new Arbor Day Foundation Growth Award. He indicated that Trustee Riess would present to the Mayor on behalf of the Sustainability Committee, at the next in person meeting of the Village Board.

B) Robin Grooms

Robin reported on the success of the Living a Lifetime in Hawthorn Woods Initiative with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus who funded a grant to initiate this project. She also Reported on the Villages success to obtain National Certification as a Dark Skies and Audubon International Designated City. Trustee Riess indicated she did great work and that we were only one of a handful of communities to be so honored throughout the state of Illinois. Robin followed by stating in the entire country.

6. New Business

Committee member Schwietzer lead a discussion about staying focused on researching the importance and feasibility of creating floating islands and the important data that can be collected about the improvement of water quality that could result. All in attendance agreed that if we could show the effectiveness of these islands, perhaps HOA's throughout the community would be inclined to follow.

Brian Sullivan also noted that there would be no scheduled meetings in the summer. He invited committee members to the free concert in the park series being held from the first Friday in June through the end of August in Community Park.

7. Old Business

None

8. Adjournment

Motion by Kathy Felice and second by John Bickley to adjourn all present voted in favor. The committee adjourned at 8:17 pm