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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sustainability Committee for September 8, 2022

AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS, IL.
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL. 60047
THURSDAY, September 8, 2022 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Roll call was taken and those present included John Bickley, Kathy Felice, Jodi Clute, Mary Kay Kolseth, Ted Schweitzer and staff Brian Sullivan. Absent were Trustee Steve Riess and Todd Klein. An update was given that Trustee Riess was still in recovery at a health care facility in Long Grove. All members present extended their good wishes and concern for Trustee Steve and his family at this difficult time. Brian Sullivan, village staff liaison, reported that he and Committee member Mahmood Mohiuddin were in attendance at Village Hall pursuant to the requirements of the Governor's Executive Order concerning municipal Zoom meetings. No other public was in attendance.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT and ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Kathy Felice and seconded by Mary Kay Kolseth to open the floor for public comment on a proposed Woodland Park Restoration project at 7:08 pm. All present voted aye.

A. Review Proposed Woodland Park Restoration Project. Village staff Liaison, Brian Sullivan, reported that the village was considering an application for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Further, he stated tonight's meeting/hearing was placed on the village website and weekly eblast. He explained that the intent of the solicitation of public comment was to give residents an opportunity to ask questions or make comments about what they thought should be in the park. No final plans have been made and pricing for a new play piece and swing set that emphasizes use by individuals with special needs in concert with other users was underway. The existing playground while sound structurally, is over 17 years old and at the outer levels in terms of manufacturer suggested removal and replacement. The village has identified an organization, "Kids around the World" from Rockford, Illinois, who may be interested in removing the playground pieces as they exist now basically recycling them to another underserved community potentially abroad, who are in need of such play apparatus. In the absence of any commentary from the general public, the committee discussed the early history of the park and the then intent of citizens to create a park out of the existing and potentially donated park land. Several ideas were spoken of. They included, a labyrinth, Buckthorn remediation/removal, more accessible playground pieces, creating a walking/fitness trail, highlighting an Art Garden, and maintaining the environmental significance of the park site. Several Oak Trees exceeding 200 years in age are located on the property. Sullivan was asked if they were

going to be protected and responded that yes, they were. In fact, protection of heritage trees (older than 100 years) is codified in the new Village Urban Forestry Tree Management Plan recently adopted in June of this year (2022). John Bickley made the motion and Kathy Felice seconded to close the public comment at 7:21 pm. All present Voted aye.

3. Trustee/Chairman Report

In the Absence of Chairman Riess, Brian Sullivan reported on the following items as stated;

- A. Discussion on Website Design/Items for Display
Currently under review, with the departure of Robin Grooms to assume the position as Sustainability Coordinator for Lake County, Chairman Riess was taking on this responsibility to investigate and update plans to modify our website and its content.
- B. Updates for Tree Management Plan from Morton Arboretum
All items have been submitted to the CRTI and Morton Arboretum for reimbursement of the Grant award totaling \$6K. The Plan as been formally adopted as part of the Village Tree Ordinance.
- C. Review Fall Adopt A Highway
The committee discussed adopting Sunday, October 9, 2022 as the next Adopt a Highway activity between Darlington and Lagoon. Ted Schweitzer asked if we could get a notification sign designating this portion of the roadway as the Sustainability Clean up section. Brian indicated he would contact Lake Couth DOT and look into that request and report back at the October meeting.
- D. Sustainability Committee Prescence @ Party in the Park, September 17, 2022
Brian discussed the happenings at the upcoming fall special event. Asked for volunteers.
- E. Update on Floating Island
Brian related that he was in discussions with McCloud Aquatics to ascertain costs associated with development of a floating island andpros and cons to a local installation at Heritage Oaks Park.
- F. AIB (America in Bloom) Update
Brian Reported that judges had recently visited Hawthorn Woods. We anticipate to hearing whether we won any awards the final week of September.
- G. Sustainability Plan, “Living a Lifetime in Hawthorn Woods” Update
No update currently.
- F. Select Interim Chairman
This item was tabled until Later in the fall.
- H. Update on Indian Creek Preserve
The next volunteer clean up and Buckthorn Buster Day is set for September 24, 2022 from 9 until noon.

4. Staff Reports

- A) Brian J. Sullivan
None at this time

5. New Business

None

6. Old Business

None

7. Adjournment

Kathy motioned to adjourn at and Jodi seconded the motion. All in attendance voted aye. The meeting ended at 8:13 pm.