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AGENDA  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE  
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS, IL.  
2 LAGOON DRIVE, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL. 60047  
THURSDAY, March 2, 2023 7:00 PM

**Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 848 4785 9993

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1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

**In attendance were committee members Felice, Schweitzer, MK, Clute, Trustee Hurst and Village Staff Sullivan. Absent was Bickley who attempted to log on but experienced difficulty and Klein and Mohiuddin (who was excused with a previous engagement). A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Trustee Hurst at 7:13 pm.**

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

A motion was made by Clute and seconded by Schweitzer to open the floor to the public for comment. No one participated. Sullivan reported he had not received any advance messaging from interested parties.

3. Approve Minutes of January 12, 2023

Felice motioned and Clute seconded a motion to approve the minutes of January 12, 2023. Upon discussion, Sullivan reported that Mohiuddin had sent questions forward for clarification. They were as follows;

**#4A) It was brought forward that the discussion should reflect that this is not a set determined date for the Adopt A Highway activity but offered as a suggestion for further committee review.**

**#4E) A period was added after the final word path.**

**#4F) The Date and time of the Buckthorn Volunteer Day was added; 3/25/2023.**

**All Present voted aye**

4. Trustee Hurst Report

**Trustee Hurst introduced herself to the Committee and expressed her appreciation for Mayor Di Maggio appointing her to the Sustainability Committee. It is aligned very closely with her passion for environmental stewardship. She looks forward to accomplishing great things with the committee. In future meeting to come, she is confident she will have more to report.**

5. Staff Reports-Brian J. Sullivan

A) Review Spring Proposed Adopt A Highway

**The Committee agreed to set Sunday, April 23, 2023 9 am to noon as the official date and time**

B) Presentation in Girl Scout Silver Award Emily Horbus/Ava Parker

Two Silver Award Candidates from a local Girl Scout troop made a presentation with an audio-visual presentation. The Committee members applauded and recognized the two scouts for an excellent pollinator garden presentation.

- C) UPDATE CRTI Urban/Community Forestry Regional Earmark Grant \$25K  
Sullivan reported that the Grants Team of the village, under Pam Newton and Chair Person Kim Stewart, **were preparing to send in an Earmark Grant application to the Morton Arboretum/CRTI valued at \$25,000. It will assist the village in its effort to reforest several properties and a nursery located near the PW Garage in Community Park. This is important because it attempts to begin addressing one of the goals in the Urban Forestry Management Plan to increase our tree Canopy.**
- D) Sustainability Plan, "Living a Lifetime in Hawthorn Woods" Update  
**No Report at this time we hope to have some programmatic information at the next committee meeting.**
- E) Update on Arbor Day Celebration/Tree Distribution  
**Sullivan Report that we were once again working with the Mason State Nursery in Topeka, Illinois. We are scheduling the Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Sapling distribution on Saturday May 6, 2023 from 9 am to noon at the Aquatic Center parking lot. Further we will be using the same layout and format as in the Covid years of 2021 and 22. All are encouraged to attend and volunteer.**
- F) Update on Sustainability Sponsored Programming  
**No Report at this time**
- G) Update on Indian Creek Preserve (Volunteer Day 3/25/2023)  
**Sullivan reported that Buckthorn Buster Day of Service would be conducted weather permitting, on Saturday 3/25/2023 from 9 until noon at the Indian Creek Preserve located at the end of Seneca West across from the east side of the cul de sac. Volunteers need not stay the entire time.**
- H) CRTI Award/Partner Recognition February 9, 2023 @ Morton Arboretum Update  
**Sullivan reported on his attendance at the award workshop conducted by the Morton Arboretum and CRTI on the evening of February 9, 2023. Former Trustee Steve Riess was formally recognized for his contributions to regional stewardship and preservation efforts.**

#### 6. Committee Remarks

- A. **A comment was made inquiring whether the village would be passing an Arbor Day Proclamation this year. Sullivan responded yes at the March village board meeting. Further, he stated this helps as one of the cornerstones of our annual Tree City Designation renewal we have won for the past eight years.**
- B. **Schweitzer asked what the village was preparing to do to honor Former Trustee Riess pursuant to his visit to the Mayor and village board at their February board meeting? Trustee Hurst indicated the Mayor and village board took this request very seriously and in fact the village officials are in agreement with recognizing Trustee Riess, however at this time, full details have not yet been totally identified. She will report back when the recognition is formalized.**

#### 7. New Business

**None was reported**

#### 8. Old Business

**Schweitzer questioned if anything further had been discussed about the floating islands? He suggested contacting the Citizens for Conservation in he believed South Barrington. Sullivan indicated he would follow up and report back at the next committee meeting.**

#### 9. Adjournment

**A motion was made by Clute seconded by Felice to adjourn at 7:59 pm all present voted aye**