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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS, IL.
94 MIDLOTHIAN, HAWTHORN WOODS, IL. 60047
THURSDAY, April 13, 2023 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm. Present were Kolseth, Clute, Schweitzer, and Bickley. Felice, Klein and Mohiuddin were excused. Also in attendance were Anne Hurst, Trustee Liaison and Brian Sullivan, Staff.

2. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No Public was in attendance

3. Approve Minutes of March 2, 2023

Felice and Clute motioned and seconded. All in attendance voted aye.

4. Trustee Report – Trustee Hurst

A) Presentation from Pizzo Group on the Importance of Prairie Burns & Q/A

Frank Pizzo Owner and Lead Arborist for the Pizzo Group made a nice presentation on using fire as a method of weed control and revitalization of natural wild flower areas. All agreed it is something the village should explore in the future and recommend to HOA's to consider.

B) Adopt A Highway Update Scheduled with LCDOT for 4/23/23 (Sunday) Meeting at the Barn 9 am.

Brian Let everyone know about the date and time for the clean up event. Further, he alerted committee the LCDOT had been notified. He would be providing lite refreshments of donuts, coffee, orange juice, and water. Jodi and, MK, and Hurst indicated they would be in attendance and other members needed to check their schedules for availability. Sullivan said he already had several members of the public who called to volunteer.

C) Discussion of memorial for the late Trustee Steve Riess

Sullivan let the committee know the Village was discussing planting a tree and renaming the tennis courts at Bridlewood's Park, across from Trustee Riess' home, in his honor. A dedication date once set will be sent to all members, neighbors, and family.

D) Update Arbor Day Tree Distribution set for Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9 am until noon in Aquatic Center parking lot (weather permitting). Rain date 5/13/2023.

Sullivan Reported that the trees from the Mason State Nursery would be picked up on 5/4/2023. He thanked Kathy Felice for her assistance in selecting the tree varieties for distribution to the public. We will follow the same format and allow for safety by not having any visitors exiting their vehicles. The Monarchs of Buffalo Group will be on hand to pass out milkweed.

E) Update on Indian Creek Preserve Day of Service (Buckthorn Buster) rescheduled for Saturday, 4/22/2023 at 9 am.

5. Staff Reports-Brian J. Sullivan

A) UPDATE CRTI Urban/Community Forestry Regional Earmark Grant \$25K

Sullivan reported the village had submitted an application for a federal department of Agriculture and US Forestry Department Grant administered by both IDNR and the CRTI in Illinois. The grant totals \$25K dollars and calls for the planting of 130 trees throughout the village to increase our tree canopy.

B) Sustainability Plan, "Living a Lifetime in Hawthorn Woods" Update

Sullivan reported that future articles and programs attributed to this grant opportunity from the Metropolitan Mayors and Managers Group would be occurring in late 2023/early 2024.

6. Committee Remarks

7. New Business

8. Old Business

Update Floating Islands. Sullivan reported that he was contacting nature groups suggested by the Lake County Forest Preserve to research the cost, viability, and construction related details for possible floating islands in Hawthorn Woods. He would report back his findings at a later date.

9. Adjournment 8:42 pm