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MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
THE VILLAGE OF HAWTHORN WOODS, IL
94 MIDLOTHIAN (AQUATIC CENTER MAIN ROOM)
HAWTHORN WOODS, IL. 60047
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Trustee Anne Hurst called the meeting to order at 6:58pm. The following members were present: Trustee Hurst, Trustee Bayer, Bickley, Clute, Felice, and Mohiuddin. Klein, Kolseth and Sullivan were excused.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2023 and the Minutes from September 14, 2023 Minutes was made and seconded. Minutes approved with corrections noted. Cathy Bayer abstained.

3. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No public present this month.

4. TRUSTEE REPORT ANNE HURST

- a) INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENT CATHY BAYER AS NEWEST COMMITTEE MEMBER Welcome Cathy Bayer
- b) VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND ACTION FROM SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Committee members were encouraged to invite additional volunteers to help at committee events.
- c) REVIEW SCHEDULED COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2024 (MONTH/DATE/TIME)
2024 regular committee meeting dates reviewed.
- d) REVIEW SPRING PROPOSED ADOPT A HIGHWAY (SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2024, 9 AM)
The committee agreed to Adopt-a-Highway proposed date of Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 9:00am
- e) SET MAY ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY – PROPOSED IS SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
The committee agreed to the proposed date of Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 9:00 am.

5. STAFF REPORT BRIAN SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

- A) REVIEW FUTURE WINTER/SPRING SUSTAINABILITY SPONSORED PROGRAMMING
- B) Review Grant Status
 - 1) 2023 CRTI COMMUNITY PARK HISTORIC TRAIL \$15,000
 - 2) 2023 EARMARK GRANT FOR 131 TREES CRTI/IDNR/US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE \$25,000
 - 3) 2023 AIB/CN RR GRANT FOR INDIAN CREEK PHASE II \$25,000
 - 4) 2024 AIB/CN RR GRANT FOR 24 OFFICIAL HAWTHORN TREES AND CHEYENNE SPIRIT CONE FLOWER PLANTINGS THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE \$25,000
 - 5) OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT Space Land Acquisition Development (OSLAD) IDNR GRANT Woodland Park
 - 6) UPDATE ON WINTER SPRING PROGRAMMING SPONSORED BY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

6. COMMITTEE REMARKS /INITIATIVES

A. UPDATE ON SWALCO INITIATIVES - CATHY BAYER

SWALCO initiatives discussed included fabric / textile recycling, reuse-a-shoe, and compost giveaway. The committee recommends textile recycling with a possible location of the bin at the rear of the Aquatics Center parking lot. It was suggested that we check with EAPL and neighboring towns on the success of the program. Also discussed were ideas to combine a compost event with another committee event such as the tree giveaway. The committee will continue the compost discussion at a later meeting.

B. REVIEW CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING A POSITION AGAINST USAGE OF SINGLE SOURCED PLASTICS IN THE VILLAGE

Mahmood proposed bringing awareness of the negative effects of single use plastic, particularly plastic bags. Plastic bag recycling opportunities in near-by locations were discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm