



RESOLUTION No. 1-27-25-1
A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE RETIREMENT OF
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION BRIAN SULLIVAN

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan has passionately served the Village of Hawthorn Woods for over 11 years; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan is completing his tenure in public service and plans to retire from the Public Sector with 37 years of governmental service; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2013, when first hired, Brian Sullivan served as Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation/Executive Project Manager for the Village of Hawthorn Woods; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 2014, Brian Sullivan was promoted to Director of Parks and Recreation for the Village of Hawthorn Woods; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan managed the restoration and development of the award-winning 11.5-acre Brierwoods Preserve; 3.5-acre Meadowlark Park and Arboretum; and 9.5-acre Indian Creek Preserve; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan was instrumental in overseeing the development of the Village of Hawthorn Woods Urban Forest Management Plan in May of 2022, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources; United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service; and The Morton Arboretum; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan was responsible for securing and maintaining our Tree City USA sustainable municipal designation, from 2020 through 2024, along with obtaining the prestigious Tree City USA Growth Award for the Village of Hawthorn Woods in 2021, 2022, and 2023; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan was supportive in expanding our municipal tree canopy from 26.7% in 2022 to 32.84% in 2024 with the planting of over 935 trees in just two years, a significant milestone in urban tree canopy expansion; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan served on the Board of Directors for the Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRALC) for 11 years, including serving as President in 2022; providing community based therapeutic recreation services to individuals with disabilities and their families; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan was the recipient of the Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) President's Achievement Award; Honored Advocate Award, IPRA Ethnic Minority Section; and 2011 Honored Professional of the Year; and

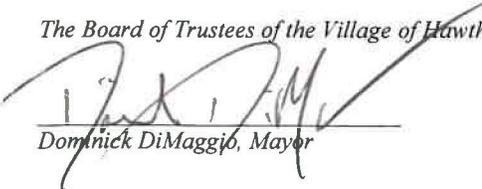
WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan consistently maintained a warm and jovial relationship with our senior population, especially in serving as the "Master of Ceremonies" during the Village's monthly senior gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan excelled in administering our Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program, providing lasting tributes that honor the memory of loved ones, while enhancing the natural aesthetic and ecological health of the Village's parks and green spaces; and

WHEREAS, under his tenure, the Village has witnessed numerous advancements in its parks and recreation programs, fostering greater community engagement, environmental stewardship, and recreation opportunities for residents of all ages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, on the behalf of the residents of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Director of Parks and Recreation Brian Sullivan for his outstanding service and accomplishments over the past eleven years. With the passage of this Resolution, the entire community of the Village of Hawthorn Woods congratulates Brian Sullivan on a well-earned retirement from Public Service and best wishes in his future endeavors.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Hawthorn Woods, Illinois, adopted the foregoing Resolution unanimously on January 27, 2025.


Dominick DiMaggio, Mayor


Donna Lobaito, Village Clerk