Minutes Amended ____
Minutes Approved 3/1/16

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Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Village Board Room
14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen IL

1. **Call to Order**
   Chairman Sharon Sweas called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

3. **Roll Call; Establish Quorum**
   Present: Nancy Carlson, Kathy Kudla, Randy Juras, Bob Moses, Cynthia Rataj, Margaret Sabo, Sharon Sweas, Joe Turrise, Gary White, Larry Witsoe, and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).
   Absent: Randy Juras

4. **Approval of Amendments to the Agenda**
   Motion: Larry Witsoe Made a motion to add the following items to the agenda.
   8h. Pheasants
   8i. Wildlife Crossings
   8j. Bobcats
   8k. Conservation Design
   Second was made by Cynthia Rata.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.

5. **Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings**
   Motion made by Cynthia Rataj:
   To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting Special Environment Committee Meeting.
   Second by Kathy Kudla.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.

   Motion made by Margaret Sabo:
   To approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting.
   Second by Kathy Kudla.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.

   Motion made by Joe Turrise:
   To approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 Earth Day-Arbor Day sub-committee meeting.
   Second by Margaret Sabo.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.

   Motion made by Margaret Sabo:
   To approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015 Earth Day-Arbor Day sub-committee meeting.
   Second by Joe Turrise.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.

Motion made by Margaret Sabo.
To approve the minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting.
Second by Kathy Kudla.
All were in favor.
Motion carried.

Motion made by Margaret Sabo:
To approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 Earth Day-Arbor Day sub-committee meeting.
Second by Joe Turrise.
All were in favor.
Motion carried.

6. **Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)**
None.

7. **Announcements/Committee Member Communication**
   - Joe Turrise attended the DuPage Environment Summit on January 21. He had a conversation with the DuPage Conservation Team about electronic recycling. Best Buy, Staples, and Good Will take small computers, DVD players and flat screen TVs. They will not take larger computers or old types of TVs.
   - The Homer Glen Junior Woman's Club Conservation Committee would like to promote recycling. Every month at their meetings through April, they will make an announcement about where to recycle something. Sue Steilen will compile a list of recyclable items and make an announcement at their February meeting. The club would also like to volunteer at Earth Day-Arbor Day and provide a children's trivia game activity.

8. **Old Business**
   a. **Stargazing**
   Stargazing dates chosen by the astronomy groups are June 10 and October 7. The dates will be submitted to the Township Board for approval.
   b. **Lighting**
   There are a few items that need to be made clearer in the Lighting Ordinance. Whenever exemption is used more clarification is needed. Margaret Sabo and Cynthia Rataj presented a report of the February 1, 2016 Lighting Sub-Committee meeting.
   Motion made by Margaret Sabo:
   The Environment Committee recommends that a qualified contractor conduct an inventory of all outdoor lighting fixtures on public, commercial, and industrial properties with photos of all fixtures to include wall packs, canopies, landscape and parking lot lights, lights around windows, decorating windows, such as light bars, light strings, and individual lights that emit light from the inside to the outside.
   Second was made by Kathy Kudla.
   All were in favor.
   Motion carried.
   The Lighting Subcommittee would like to present a draft Lighting Ordinance revision to the Environment Committee next month.
   Discussion about educating commercial and industrial property owners about lighting and signage compliance. Information needs to come from the Village. A suggestion was made to discuss information options with the Community and Economic Development Committee.
   c. **Earth Day – Arbor Day Update**
   Cathy Rehr has set up an Earth Day-Arbor Day Facebook page. Committee members were asked to "like" the page and share with friends. A volunteer sign up page has also been set up on Volunteer Genius. Cold Blooded Creatures and Big Run Wolf Ranch have agreed to

participate. Waiting to hear from Incredible Bats and Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education. The Homer Glen Junior Women's Junior Club suggested a butterfly lady. The EDAD committee will be looking at a few options for an insect person. Waiting for contract terms from Walter Konow. T-shirts to be ordered will feature the saying "May the Forest Be with You."

d. **Tree Ordinance**
No discussion.

e. **Recycling**
Sue Steilen is working with Will County for a fall event. The Household Hazardous Waste event will cost $7500. At this time, we do not have a vendor to take the TVs. SouthStar is a non-profit organization that helps adults with disabilities will take computer related electronics. However, the county needs the volume from the computer recycling when negotiating a contract with companies that will take the televisions. The County has requested that we wait before committing to an electronics recycler.

f. **Big Tree Contest**
Margaret Sabo will send information to Committee members.

g. **Tree City USA – Growth Award**
Committee members were emailed a link to the Tree City USA Growth Award section and encouraged to review the opportunities to work towards in 2016.

h. **Pheasants**
The Township was not interested in introducing pheasants on their property.

i. **Wildlife Crossing**
Motion by Joe Turrise:
That IDOT for 159th Street and Will County for 143rd Street be notified that the Village of Homer Glen would like to have wildlife crossing signs placed where accidents mostly occur.
Second was made by Larry Witsoe.
All were in favor.
Motion carried.

j. **Bobcats**
Kathy Kudla will find out information on how to buy licenses for hunting bobcats.

k. **Conservation Design**
Sharon Sweas will talk to Mike Schwarz to see if Conservation Design can be a topic for the Plan Commission Workshop. Margaret Sabo will see if Pete Pointner is interested in reviewing the Conservation Design Ordinance. One concern is that the Conservation Design Ordinance prevents the planning of large lot subdivisions.

9. **New Business**

a. **Standard Operating Procedures Review**
Remove last bullet with recycling event. The Ordinance bullet should include "review and make recommendations." Add "wildlife protection, concerns, and recommendations." Remove Special Events Committee.

10. **Adjournment**
Joe Turrise made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Larry Witsoe.
Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Steilen