

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, March 1, 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 7:04 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Nancy Carlson, Randy Juras, Kathy Kudla, Bob Moses, Cynthia Rataj, Margaret Sabo, Sharon Sweas, Joe Turrise, Gary White, Larry Witsoe, and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

Motion: Larry Witsoe Made a motion to add the following items to the agenda.

8g. Wildlife in Homer Glen

8h. IDA Sign

Second was made by Cynthia Rata.

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings

Motion made by Margaret Sabo:

To approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting as amended.

Second by Kathy Kudla.

Amendment: Item 8h. to read, "Discussion on whether Homer Township was interested in providing an environment for pheasants on Homer Township Open Space property, not for hunting.

All were in favor.

Motion carried.

6. Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)

None.

7. Announcements/Committee Member Communication

- Margaret Sabo presented a copy of Chicago Wilderness magazine from the Summer of 2001. The magazine contained an article featuring Homer Glen. Sue Steilen will contact Chicago Wilderness for permission to place the article in the history section of the Village website. M. Sabo also gave a copy of a video tape that was used for the incorporation effort to the Village. Kathy Kudla will convert the video tape to a CD. Margaret Sabo also mentioned that the Village should have a plaque naming the fathers of incorporation.
- Sharon Sweas reported that Joe Turrise will attend the Canal Heritage Corridor Association meeting. Sue Steilen will register Joe Turrise for the meeting.
- Joe Turrise reported that a bald eagle was spotted near a pond by Gary White's property and the former Woodbine golf course.

- Randy Juras went to Wildfest in Lockport. There was an animal rescue organization there that would be nice to invite to participate in Earth Day-Arbor Day. Contact information was given to Sue Steilen.

8. Old Business

a. Lighting

The Committee reviewed a draft of a brochure for lighting. The following changes were suggested:

- Adjust margins on both pages for printing.
- Above Lighting Facts graphic add the words, "Example of Light Bulb Package."
- Brighten the triangle of light on the picture of the flag with the stand alone pole.
- Tighten the spacing between paragraphs under "Lighting the Flag at Night."
- Under Glare and Visibility adjust paragraph margin to line up with heading.
- Under "What is Correlated Color Temperature "CCT," each sentence should begin on a separate line. Before the sentence beginning "A warm (low) . . ." add line stating, "CCT is not about brightness."
- Under "References" verify that all links work.
- Correct spacing for "The Ordinance Provides Guidelines for Outdoor Lighting." Under the title, move the last bullet at the bottom of the page, "Homer Glen recognizes the night sky as a natural resource" and make it a subtitle under the "for Outdoor Lighting." No periods are needed in the titles.
- On the cover, where the italicized text is at the bottom, remove the words "based on common sense and."

Street Light Retrofit Program – Jim Walkowski, Sharon Sweas, and Margret Sabo are looking for the most cost effective way to change Lumec 14 inch drop lens fixtures with High Pressure Sodium (HPS) to flat lenses with 70 watt HPS. Only Cypress Pointe had metal halide.

There is \$12,000 in the budget to conduct an inventory of light fixtures. The Committee recommended that priority would be given to parking lot lights and then window treatments.

b. Big Tree Contest

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

c. Earth Day – Arbor Day Update

Sue Steilen will send a copy of all participant applications to Margaret Sabo. The contract with Walter Konow is still pending.

d. Tree Ordinance

Tree Planting – The tree supply is very limited. It may be difficult to locate 2.5" trees. The Committee recommended checking to see if 3" trees could be obtained when 2.5" are not available.

e. Recycling

Sue Steilen is still working with Will County for a fall Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Recycling event. All of Will County's electronic recycling sites will be closed in March. No date has been established for when they will reopen.

f. Erin Hills Burn

Everything is set for the burn at Erin Hills. When it will be done is dependent upon the weather.

g. Wildlife in Homer Glen

Mike Salamowicz has agreed to send a letter to IDOT and Will County requesting Wildlife Crossing signs on 143rd and 159th.

Motion by Larry Witsoe: To notify the Village and Homer Township that the Environment Committee is interested in creating an environmental area for wildlife such as pheasants and monarch butterflies. Second was made by Randy Juras.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Margaret Sabo: The Environment Committee encourages the Village to apply for the Openland's grant for a wildlife habitat. Second was by Kathy Kudla.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Kathy Kudla reported that the licenses for hunting bobcats are not available yet. In order to hunt bobcats, one has to purchase a hunting license, then a habitat stamp, and then the bobcat stamp. The total cost would likely be \$23.

h. IDA Signs

Sue Steilen will send contact and design information for ordering an International Dark Sky Community sign to Nancy Carlson.

9. New Business

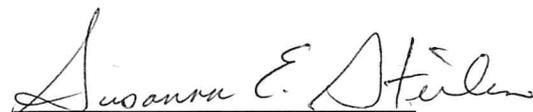
Motion was made by Randy Juras to approve the invoice from Marcy Stewart-Pyziak in the amount of \$1019.92 for the maintenance of the Prairie Style Garden at 151st and Bell Road. Second was made by Kathy Kudla.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Gary White made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Cynthia Rataj. Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Steilen