Minutes Amended _____
Minutes Approved 7/5/16

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Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Village Board Room
14917 S. Founders Crossing, Homer Glen IL

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1. **Call to Order**
   Chairman Sharon Sweas called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

3. **Roll Call; Establish Quorum**
   Present: Bob Moses (arrived at 8:07 p.m.), Randy Juras, Margaret Sabo, Sharon Sweas, Joe Turrise, Gary White, and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).
   Absent: Nancy Carlson, Kathy Kudla, Cynthia Rataj, and Larry Witsoe.

   Quorum was not established until 8:07 p.m.

4. **Approval of Amendments to the Agenda**
   None.

5. **Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings**
   After Bob Moses arrived at 8:07 p.m., Joe Turrise made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 1, 2016. Second was made by Randy Juras. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

7. **Announcements/Committee Member Communication**
   - Joe Turrise attended the I&M Canal National Heritage and Alliance Congress on March 9. He shared information on other organizations that attended the event.
   - An informational identity theft workshop will take place at the New Lenox Village Hall on April 11.
   - The Village of Orland Park will have an Earth Day celebration on April 23, from 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
   - Laurel Ward, from the Homer Glen Foundation, has received a request from an individual to plant a memorial tree. She is looking for some suggestions of where to plant a tree.

8. **Old Business**
   a. **NE Corner of Bell & 151st**
   Sue Steilen reported that Marcy Stewart-Pyziak has suggested removing three mulberry trees that are on the property to the east of the Prairie Style Garden. The trees are touching the Alders and will eventually shade them out. Committee members in attendance would prefer to have the trees trimmed, or just remove the tree closest to the garden. Check to see if there is a bird's nest in any of the trees; watch to see if trees have berries; and if needed to be removed, wait until fall. An invoice of $1019.92 from Marcy Stewart-Pyziak for maintenance of the landscape beds in 2015 and a proposal for maintenance during FY2016/17 were presented and approved through consensus by the committee.

b. Wildlife

Development Services Director, Mike Salamowicz, sent a letter requesting wildlife crossing signs for 159th Street and 143rd Street to IDOT and the Will County Department of Transportation.

c. Earth Day – Arbor Day Update

Sue Steilen will contact the Sheriff's Auxiliary for traffic assistance from 8:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. She will also get a quote for updating signs.

Sue Steilen reviewed the list of participants.

Applications Received:

1. A Peaceful Potter Pottery
2. Apple Chevrolet
3. Artistic Connections/Face Painting by Kathy
4. Battery Giant-Orland Park
5. Bruce Midlock
6. Buckskin, Etc.
7. Citizens Against Ruining the Environment
8. Countryside Bank
9. Crème by Sarah Ashley Inc.
10. Greater Chicago Ferret Association
11. Homer Township Chamber of Commerce
12. Homer Township Library Bookmobile
13. Incredible Bats
14. Independence Renewable Energy – already sent you a copy
15. Kidswork Children's Museum
16. Juice Plus & Tower Garden
17. Lo-J Soy & Wood Creations
18. LTHS Horticulture Club
19. Natural Accents
20. Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab
21. NuWay/Homewood Disposal
22. Papa's Garden Stones
23. Picket Fence Honey
24. Pilcher Park Nature Center
25. Pop Can Jewelry
26. Sarah's Pony Rides
27. Solar Shift
28. Sharon Dierberger – already sent you a copy
29. University of Illinois Extension – Master Gardners
30. VFW Aux. Post 5788
31. Will County Health Department – Env. Health
32. Will County Historic Preservation Commission
33. Willowbrook Ford

Sue Steilen will mail an application to Lou Aiello.

Assistance is needed with updating the website; writing publicity and readying posters for distribution to businesses.

d. Homer Glen Parkway Tree Replacement Program update

Eighty trees have been ordered for parkway tree planting. Sue Steilen also reported that the prescribed burn has been completed at Erin Hills Park.

e. **Village Proclamation –Dark Sky Week, Apr 4-10**
At the March 23 Village Board Meeting, a proclamation was approved designating April 4-10, 2016 as International Dark Sky Week in the Village of Homer Glen.

f. **Lighting**
The lighting brochure needs to be completed, so it can be available at Earth Day-Arbor Day. Sue Steilen will check to see if Joe Baber can answer questions about lighting at the Homer Glen Building Department table.

IDA Sign- Sue Steilen spoke with Jill Johnson at Hall Signs. They will send a quote for two signs. Price will be less for additional signs. They will send us a copy, and we can make one change. After the one change, it will cost $25 for each revision.

g. **Tree City USA – Growth Award**
Nothing to report.

h. **Stargazing Event – June 10, 2016**
Stargazing needs to be added to the event page and stargazing page.

9. **New Business**
None.

10. **Adjournment**
Gary White made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Joe Turrise.
Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanna E. Steilen

Sue Steilen