

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 3, 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 7:20 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Randy Juras, Bob Moses, Margaret Sabo, Joe Turrise, Larry Witsoe, Gary White (left at 10:05), and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Nancy Carlson, Kathy Kudla, Cynthia Rataj, and Sharon Sweas.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

A motion was made by Joe Turrise and seconded by Randy Juras to add item 8e. Lighting Brochure and 8f. Plan Commission Workshop, Conservation Design.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings

The minutes of the meeting of April 5, 2016, were not ready for approval.

6. Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)

None.

7. Announcements/Committee Member Communication

- Bob Moses reported that Orland Township had a 3-in-1 Recycling Event which included electronics recycling and paper shredding.
- Bob Moses reported that the Village of Orland Park has approved LED street signs for the intersection of 143rd Street and Harlem Avenue.
- An electronics recycling drop off center will be opening on May 10 in Lockport.
- Larry Witsoe reported that Frankfort is setting up beekeepers in their parks.
- Gary White presented an article "Ask Marilyn" which explained how trees grow.

8. Old Business

a. NE Corner of Bell & 151st

No trimming of the boxelder trees has taken place. Sue Steilen will send a letter to Gallagher and Henry to request permission.

Motion made by Randy Juras. Second by Gary White.

The Environment Committee approves of the proposal from Marcy Sstewart-Pyziak for maintenance and plantings for the garden beds at 151st and Bell.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Stargazing Event – June 10, 2016

The first stargazing event this year will take place on June 10 from 9 p.m. – 11 p.m. Event information has been placed on the website. Margaret Sabo will send a reminder to the astronomy groups. She will also call District 92 to have the parking lot lights turned off. The next stargazing event is scheduled for October 7.

Items needed for event: Information table, Red flashlights, Starbursts/MilkyWays.

c. Earth Day – Arbor Day Review and Update

Five signs are left to put up and need posts. Gary White will purchase posts. He and Joe Turrise will install the remaining signs by Friday, May 6. One 4x8 sign is missing. Sue Steilen will check with Walter Konow. Newspaper advertising was discussed.

Motion made by Joe Turrise and seconded by Randy Juras:

To purchase a full page ad in the Homer Horizon appear in the paper a week before the event in addition to the already scheduled advertising of \$1900 for a total of \$2400.

All were in favor. Motion carried

Two additional applications have been submitted for vendor/participants: Asea and Nikken. The committee approved their applications. Chairs need to be set up in the area where the raptor presentation is to be held. An assistant should be assigned to each presenter. A tent/canopy is needed for the information booth. One more committee meeting is needed before the event. An email will be sent when a date is confirmed.

Arbor Day Tree Planting – a sugar maple tree will be planted at the Homer Township Public Library. The Library is celebrating its 35th anniversary and the 10th anniversary of the bookmobile. The tree will be planted on Friday, May 23, and can be viewed from the window in the children's section.

d. Homer Glen Parkway Tree Replacement Program update

The parkway tree planting is still pending weather and nursery access.

e. Lighting Brochure

A draft copy of the lighting brochure was reviewed. Two choices were given for a description of Correlated Color Temperature. The committee chose description number two:

Correlated Color Temperature (CCT) is a method of describing the hue or tint of visible white light usually either warm (yellowish) or cold (bluish), and measuring it in degrees of Kelvin (°K) instead of Fahrenheit (°F). CCT is **not** about brightness.

A warm (low) CCT lamp color produces less glare. A cold (high) CCT lamp color produces more glare. A warm CCT color improves safety and security, is easier on the aging human eye, and reduces sky glow.

Additional changes for graphics and grammar were noted on the draft copy.

f. Review Plan Commission Workshop – Conservation Design

Discussion of the Plan Commission's workshop on Conservation Design.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Joe Turrise made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Larry Witsoe. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. Gary White left at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Steilen