

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, June 7, 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 7:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Nancy Carlson, Kathy Kudla, Bob Moses, Cynthia Rataj, Sharon Sweas, Joe Turrise, Larry Witsoe, Gary White, Cathy Rehr (Advisor), John Lobick (Advisor) and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Randy Juras and Margaret Sabo

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings

No minutes were presented for approval.

6. Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)

None.

7. Announcements/Committee Member Communication

- Bob Moses reported that in honor of Florida's Arbor Day, the Florida Forest Service is providing 10,000 free trees to Florida homeowners through a partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees Program.
- John Lobick announced that the first John Lane Days will take place on July 9 at 163rd and Gougar.
- Larry Witsoe shared a Tribune article regarding a hotel placing beehives on its rooftop.
- John Lobick remarked that he still removes bee swarms.
- Nancy Carlson announce that Joliet Park District is offering a program on identifying bees on June 16.
- Joe Turrise would like to know the status of the letters for Wildlife Crossing signs. Sue Steilen will get copies for him.
- Sue Steilen announced that the Homer Community Festival will take place on June 23-26.

8. Old Business

a. Earth Day-Arbor Day Review

The committee reviewed the Earth Day-Arbor Day event and offered the following comments: Do not use chalk on asphalt to mark vendor spots. Markings should also be just on the corners of the area. Next year consider using painters tape.

The bats did not get much attention in the barn. There needs to be another draw in there, or possibly move the bats to another building. Nancy's birds could be placed in the barn with the bats.

The potter did not have any sales.

EMA volunteers should be given a food voucher.
The raptor location by the tree house was too noisy for a presentation.
The western building presents a wind tunnel that can affect animals.
Sign-up Genius worked well for volunteers.
Needed more people to assist with parking. Always need at least two people. One to direct cars and one to line them up. Almost ran out of parking spots.
Entrance and Exit signs are needed.
Also needed more people to assist with cleanup.
Mrs. HG Tree volunteer was great. Try to get her back again next year.
Lost wallet owner was found.
Lost child parent was found.
Hay ride signage was needed. An announcement about the hay rides would be helpful.
Include in advertising that no pets are allowed/leave them at home.
Big white tent needed sides open to encourage traffic. Would like to have had sides rolled up.
ComEd just showed up and never turned in an application.
Donation drawing wagon brought in 76 tickets and the scooter 30 tickets. Sharon Moses did a terrific job with coordinating the drawing. Next year, the committee needs to evaluate if the drawing is worth the effort.
Attendance was steady. More than 1400 were counted. Estimate attendance over 1500.
Need more hand washing stations. Only two were provided by NuWay. Konows refilled those two, but did not provide the other two that were requested. More paper towels were needed to refill the stations.
LTHS was told not to bring vegetable plants. There appeared to be some miscommunication. Next year encourage them to bring all variety of plants.
T-shirts – could use more smalls and mediums. Sue Steilen will inventory what was left and make notes for next year's order.

Tasks to be completed include sending thankyou's to sponsors, vendors (with a mail chimp survey), volunteers (HGJWC and HT Chamber), and to donors. The EMA are to be treated to a pizza night, and a donation is to be sent to the Will County Sheriff's Auxiliary. Cynthia Rataj and Sharon Sweas will assist with thankyou's.

Motion: made by Gary White. Second was made by Joe Turrise.
To pay the Will County Sheriff's Auxiliary \$300 for providing 34 hours of service.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion: made by Nancy Carlson. Second was made by Cynthia Rataj.
To select May 20, 2017, for the next Earth Day-Arbor Day event.
All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Stargazing Event – June 10, 2016

A group of seniors from the Hoffman Estates Park District are planning on attending. Gary White, Cathy Rehr, Joe Turrise, Sharon Sweas, and Sue Steilen will assist with hosting. Members were encouraged to bring mosquito repellent.

c. Homer Glen Parkway Tree Replacement Program update

The tree planting will be completed by Wednesday, June 8. The rain and nurseries caused a few delays.

d. Household Hazardous Waste/Electronics Recycling Events

An intergovernmental agreement with Will County to hold a Household Hazardous Waste event will be brought before the Village Board on June 8. The event is tentatively scheduled for September 24.

Motion: made by Kathy Kudla. Second was made by Gary White.

To support a Household Hazardous Waste event.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Will County is actively seeking sites for short duration repeating electronic collection events. They are calling them turn-key events. The Peotone Police Department and New Lenox Towns Township intergovernmental agreements for such service are currently making their way through the approval process. Once all approvals are in place, the Peotone Police Department parking lot will allow the County's subcontractor to set up a collection event the first and third Wednesday evenings from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. to accept TVs and all other residential electronic items from Will County area residents.

The County would like to offer more of the types of events. There is no charge to the host community. Sue Steilen is pursuing more information.

e. Community and Nature in Harmony Awards

Sue Steilen will update the form. Publicity will be submitted to the newspaper. Information will be placed on the website the week of July 5. A date to view nominations will be set for some time in July.

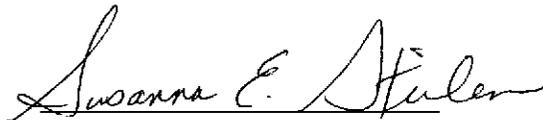
9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Joe Turrise made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Gary White. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sue Steilen