

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 6:30 p.m.
Village Community Room
14240 W. 151st Street, Homer Glen IL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Sharon Sweas called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Sharon Sweas, Gary White, John Lobick (Advisor), and Sue Steilen (Staff Liaison).

Absent: Margaret Sabo, Joe Turrise, and Larry Witsoe.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings

Motion made by Kathy Kudla. Second was made by Randy Juras.

To approve minutes from the Environment Committee meeting on August 2, 2016, as amended.

Meeting location address corrected to 14240 W. 151st Street.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Nancy Carlson. Second was made by Kathy Kudla.

To approve the minutes from the Environment Committee meeting on September 13, 2016, as

amended. Meeting location address corrected to 14240 W. 151st Street. Item 8 d, fourth sentence change "At" to "Add."

All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

To approve the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting on October 4, 2016.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Cynthia Rataj. Second was made by Randy Juras.

To approve the minutes of the joint committee meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Environment Committee on October 10, 2016.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kathy Kudla. Second was made by Cynthia Rataj.

To approve the minutes from the Environment Committee meeting on November 1, 2016.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Public Comment (Limit to 3 minutes)

None.

7. Announcements/Committee Member Communication

8. Old Business

a. Public Parkway Tree Replacement Program SOP

Discussion took place regarding the option for residents to choose to have a tree and the type of tree planted in their parkway. Consensus was to inform the residents of the Village's intention to plant a tree in their parkway and offer them a choice of three trees. If the resident

does not choose a tree by the deadline, the Village will choose a tree for planting in the parkway.

b. Growth Award Ideas – Tree City USA

Sue Steilen proposed updating the Tree Inventory by surveying trees in some subdivisions this year. She is seeking volunteer assistance and would like to implement this project as a possible item to qualify for a Tree City USA Growth Award. Committee Members were asked to review ideas on the Arbor Day Foundation website for Growth Award qualification.

c. Signage – International Dark Sky

Sue Steilen is waiting for a quote of the quantity discounts for ordering the International Dark Sky Community signs.

d. Earth Day – Arbor Day 2017

Discussion regarding including a Tiny House at the Earth Day-Arbor Day event took place. No decision was made. Committee members were asked to seek other options for presenting something new that would create a draw for attention. A suggestion was made to seek out an exhibit from Tesla for their solar roofing panels.

Randy Juras announced that the C.A.R.E. group will have a seed exchange at the Lockport Library in the first week of February.

Sharon Sweas will contact committee members with the date for the Earth Day-Arbor Day subcommittee meeting.

9. New Business

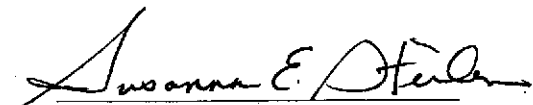
a. Goals/Activities for 2017

Discussion took place regarding the maintenance of the gardens at 151st and Bell. Consensus was that Village staff could manage the maintenance with oversight from the Environment Committee.

Members received a copy of a letter concerning removal of large trees and clear cutting on private property. The topic of protecting large old trees, aka Legacy Trees, was introduced. The Tree Ordinance subcommittee had completed a review and suggestions for updating the ordinance in January of 2016. Sue Steilen will send Environment Committee members a tracked changes copy of the ordinance, and the committee will review and discuss the ordinance at the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Gary White made a motion to adjourn. Second was made by Bob Moses. Meeting adjourned at 8:22p.m.


Sue Steilen