

Environment Committee Special Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting on
February 26, 2018

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Community Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Trustee Sharon Sweas.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Members present at 5:05 p.m. were Trustee Sharon Sweas, Randy Juras, Kathy Kudla, Margaret Sabo Joe Turrise, and Gary White.

Members Absent: Nancy Carlson, Bob Moses, Andy Panelli, Cynthia Rataj, and Larry Witsoe.

Also Present: Sue Steilen, Community Relations Coordinator/Staff Liaison.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

None.

5. Approval of Minutes From Previous Meetings

a) None.

6. Public Comment.

7. Reports and Communications from Staff.

8. Old Business.

a) Tree Preservation

The concerns for lack of tree preservation in the Village were discussed. Points made include:

Residents feel like nothing is being done.

Consequences of tree removal may not be noticed for several years.

Loss of trees affects storm water management.

Loss of trees affects wildlife habitat.

Once trees are gone, they can't be put back.

If ordinance is not enforced, nothing matters. The fines need to be enforced.

The lots that are heavily wooded are often smaller lots, less than five acres.

Permit to remove tree will help.

Permit should be free.

No reforestation. Fine only.

Tree Survey requirements

Not addressing tree removals is affecting the long term integrity of the Village.

Items to address in the tree ordinance:

Tree Survey.

Building Activity Area to be added and replace Disturbance Zone

No more than a 49% can be removed?

Only significant trees are to be inventoried.

The size of a significant eight inches DBH.

Remove protected trees. Protected or heritage trees may be identified in the future.

Remove Natural Preserve

Restitution fees are to go to "tree and habitat" fund.

Restitution fee change to \$175 per inch.

All of 6.1 is to be removed except first sentence.

All of 6.3 is to be removed.

All of section 8 is to be removed.

Reforestation language is to be removed.

When the recommended ordinance revisions are presented for approval the advantages should be listed.

9. New Business.

10. Adjournment.

Motion made by Gary White, seconded by Kathy Kudla to adjourn. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sue Steilen
Community Relations Coordinator