Environment Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
August 4, 2020

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 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chair Ruben Pazmino

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

3. **Roll Call.**

Members present were Co-Chair Trustee Sharon Sweas, Co-Chair Pazmino, Margaret Sabo, Cynthia Rataj, Joe Turrisi, Bob Moses, Andy Panelli, and Staff Member Melissa King.

John Lobick - Advisor was also in attendance

Absent: Gary White and Nancy Carlson

4. **Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.**

There were no amendments to the Agenda.

5. **Minutes.**

   a) June 2, 2020
   
   Member Sabo made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting; Member Rataj seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting minutes were approved.

6. **Public Comment.**

No public comments were made

7. **Special Presentation.**

   a) Special Speaker, Dan McLaughlin, Former Mayor of Orland Park

   Re: Orland Park Open Lands

   The Honorable Dan McLaughlin, Mayor of Orland Park from spoke about the establishment of the Orland Park Open Lands Program. He gave a brief overview of the general environmental protection efforts that have been successful in Orland Park. He highlighted the different tools that were essential in acquiring funding for open land acquisition and that they learned quickly that grant funding is oftentimes not enough to fund a robust program. He explained that the target were properties that “could” be built on; instead of focusing on properties with significant wetlands (area that typically can’t be built on anyway). He indicated that Homer has a unique opportunity because the Village has so much raw land still available. Village Manager Friling explained the importance of proactively identifying the most important pieces of land that the Village wants to protect and then figure out the strategy to acquire the land.
8. Old Business.

a) 2200K Test Lights
Co-Chair Sweas gave an update from the Director of Development Services:

“We have installed one of the two 2200K LED lights on Heritage Circle. It is on the east side of the park and is the twelfth light in from 151st Street. There is blue tape on the pole marking the location. When the lights are on, it is actually pretty easy to determine which light is the sample.

We are still working to get the sample light installed in the Cedar Brooke subdivision. We need to get an adaptor to install this light onto the Lumeo arm. I have contacted Acuity to see what adaptors they have available and they are checking this now and will get back to me as soon as possible. We will obtain two of the adaptors for when we get the amber sample lights in as well. These have been ordered, but do not have a delivery date on these as of yet. When we get this information, we will forward to all involved.”

Comments from the members included:

Member Turrisi indicated that he could see just as well with the 2200K as with the 3000K, but did not feel like there was as much glare. Co-Chair Sweas agreed and indicated that it still doesn’t meet the code. She updated the Committee that staff is still working on getting the lights installed in the Cedar Brooke Subdivision. Member Sabo thinks that it is important to have the test lights installed near a high-pressure sodium light, not next to another LED light, in order to compare it as an equivalent. Member Sweas indicated that staff is still waiting on an adaptor in order to install on the poles in Cedar Brooke.

b) Plastic Free July
Staff gave an update on the effort put forth for Plastic Free July that included a calendar breakdown on the media posts on Facebook, the Village Website and the Patch. Staff presented the submissions for the Plastic Free Contest. There was a consensus amongst members that Eileen Solt should be the winner. Member Turrisi recommended giving the other submittals an honorable mention. Member Panelli recommended if we think that the info will be seen then there is a benefit to doing a follow up article.

Member Rataf made a motion that Eileen Solt submission is the winner of the contest and the other submissions are given an honorable mention, seconded by Member Panelli. Motion carried.

c) Community and Nature in Harmony Awards
Staff presented the nominees for Community and Nature in Harmony Awards. Co-Chair Sweas indicated the winners will be presented at the September 23, 2020 Board meeting.

Member Turrisi made a motion for all of the nominees to be winners; seconded by Co-Chair Pazmino. Motion carried.

a) **Stargazing**

Co-Chair Sweas indicated that the feedback from the astronomers included concerns about transmission of COVID-19 due to the proximity of faces into the equipment. There was a consensus amongst members to cancel the stargazing event.

b) **Homer Glen Lands Day**

Staff asked the members if there was any interest in scheduling the fall tree planting to celebrate Homer Glen Lands Day. Co-Chair Sweas indicated that the plantings will be at 151st/Bell and at Glenview Walk Park and also that the same company that does the fall tree planting for the Village can do those plantings at the same time.

Co-Chair Sweas brought up the potential for another clean-up in the fall and explained how the fall clean-up worked in 2019. Member Rataj recommended having a virtual event. Member Moses recommended that if it rains, that there is a rain date. There was general interest in having a cleanup.

9. **Announcements/Committee Member Communication**

There were no announcements.

10. **Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn made by Member Sabo; seconded by Member Panelli. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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