

# Ability Awareness Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
April 5, 2022

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
Village Board Room**

1. Motion to appoint Member Neitzke-Troike, Chairperson pro tem in absence of Chairperson LaHa. Motion made by member Adamczyk, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bleck.

- Roll Call:

Ability Awareness Committee	Title	Attendance
Christina Neitzke-Troike	Chairperson Pro tem	Present
Karen Adamczyk	Committee Member	Yes
Heather Bleck	Committee Member	Yes
Robert O'Connor	Committee Member	Yes

**2. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. by Chairperson pro tem Neitzke-Troike.

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

**4. Roll Call was taken by H.R. Manager Patrianakos at 6:39 p.m.**

Ability Awareness Committee	Title	Attendance
Nicole LaHa	Chairperson	Not present
Christina Neitzke-Troike	Chairperson Pro tem	Present
Karen Adamczyk	Committee Member	Present
Heather Bleck	Committee Member	Present
Angela McKenna	Committee Member	Not present
Robert O'Connor	Committee Member	Present
James Cronos	Committee Member	Not present
Stacy Patrianakos	Staff Liaison	Present
Carmen Maurella	Village Manager	Present

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

- There were no amendments to the agenda.

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## 6. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from March 1, 2022 meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> Member Adamczyk /2<sup>nd</sup> Member Crones Unanimously approved

## 7. Public Comment

- No comments

## 8. Reports and Communication

### a) Report from Chairperson Pro-tem Neitzke-Troike:

- **Park Committee:** Trustee Reynders and LaHa are in the process of working an inclusive park in Heritage Park.
- **Collection Closet:** We have collected more items for the closet and we are still working on identifying a home for all of the items.
- **Homer Fest:** Did submit for beer garden to be hosted on Friday. The ordinance in Illinois you can be 19 years of age to volunteer and only 2 people must have a basset license.
- **Pop Tab Challenge:** Chairperson Pre tem communicated an idea of having all residents participate in the 2022 pop tab challenge on their own. The winners will receive a predetermined prize and will have the ability to select a special needs family that will also receive same prize. The committee was very supportive of the idea. The prizes will be determined and finalized at a later date and the winners will be announced
- **The Great Gatsby Gala:** The timing of this event is around February, 2023, more planning details to follow.

### b) Report from HR Manager Patrianakos: nothing to report

### c) Report from Member Adamczyk:

- **Plastic Tops:** Reached out to the vendor to get clarification around what the minimum dollar amount is for ordering a bench once enough plastic caps have been collected. Reiterated the process that was put in place and communication sent out to staff regarding the collection bin placed in the lobby at Village Hall. Member Adamczyk also reiterated that she would like to have students assist with sorting.
- **Senior Transportation:** Member Adamczyk clarified that the transportation available to seniors is fragmented by section. Have to contact the senior services at Will County to identify what transportation is available for seniors.

### d) Report from Member O'Connor: nothing to report.

### e) Report from Member Bleck:

- Member Bleck is working with her Directors at LTHS to identify if any students would be interested in receiving a scent kit.

## 9. Old Business:

- Homer Township Highway Grant winner has been selected and communicated to.
- American Sign Language Workshop has been scheduled for April 28, 2022. Member McKenna has confirmed that instructor and registration link will go

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out 2 weeks prior class. Children will be welcome to attend however the students must be at least 10 years of age.

- Teachers Award Program: HR Manager, Patrianakos read out all of the event names submitted by members and the team agreed upon The Green Apple Award. Any student that nominated a teacher will receive a zoo ticket and parking pass.
- HR Manager reminded that the team submit big project ideas to Chairperson LaHa. Some ideas discussed were accessible carts and sensory room at the library.

**10. New Business**

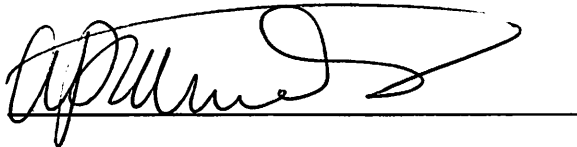
- No new business.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Karen Adamczyk
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Heather Bleck
- Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted:



Stacy Patrianakos  
Human Resources Manager