

**Village of Flossmoor
GREEN COMMISSION
Conference Room
MINUTES
March 21, 2023**

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Turnquest called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

II. Roll Call

*Present: Commissioners Turnquest, O'Keefe, Klages, Lippert, Mary Owen-Thomas, Shaw, Barker
absent: Ratowitz, Student liaison Hernandez*

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

Residents Ken and Mary Gherling of Heather Hill neighborhood were guests at the meeting.

IV. Approval of February 21, 2023, minutes

Chairperson Turnquest asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shaw brought forth the motion. Second: Commissioner Klages. Motion passed by roll call vote.

V. April Events:

a. New Resident Event- The commission will give away information on composting, tree care, and milkweed seeds donated by MWRD. They will also raffle off a rain barrel donated by MWRD. The commission will staff a small table.

b. Southland Community Clean up-April 8th, 9 am-noon. The commission will once again clean the vacant lot near Meijer. A second group will work on Flossmoor Road earlier in the morning on the 8th.

c. Tree Planting Day April 29th 8 am-noon. Meet at Village Hall and plant approx. 45-50 trees.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Greenest Region status: After a discussion of where the commission left off with this project it was determined that it will be best to have Stephanie begin by sitting with DPW and find out if there are things that have already been accomplished toward the Greenest Region Compact.*
- b. Mayor's Monarch Pledge: Commissioner Shaw worries we aren't doing enough with the pledge. He will take the lead on this initiative and report back.*

VII. New Business

- a. Commissioner search: with a vacancy on the commission there was a discussion about who would be a good fit. While there weren't any specific names brought up it was determined that an action-oriented person would be a good fit for this group.*
- b. Upcoming Village events: Stephanie provided a list of events that are all available on the Village website at Flossmoor.org*

VIII. Update from Student Liaison: none

Fatima will be graduating this year so we will need a new student liaison.

IX. Caring and Sharing: Save the date! July 16 is the Southland Community Garden Walk. Commissioner Owen-Thomas shared that Possibility Place was featured in the Chicago Tribune. She also shared the exciting news about HF's new Net-Zero science building expansion.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Lippert second.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: April 18, 2023