

Village of Flossmoor Green Commission

Minutes

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Village Hall Committee Room, 7:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Roll call

Present: Jennifer O'Keefe, Chair; Carrie Malfeo, Vice Chair; Commissioners Tristan Shaw, Tyler Thompson, Brian Goesel, Ernie Ratowitz, Nihat Tasyurek, and Hilary Barker;

Absent: Commissioner Eric Turnquest; HFHS Liaison Shallon Malfeo

Staff: Program and Events Coordinator Laura Brennan-Levy

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

Resident Phil Santos to support commission and answer questions on residential bee keeping proposal. Kirsten Moore, student at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, was referred by Shallon Malfeo to consider the Green Commission student liaison position next year. Laura will contact school principal and science department to discuss.

IV. Approval of February, 2019 minutes

Chair O'Keefe called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2019.

Motion: Commissioner Shaw

Second: Vice Chair Malfeo

Motion passed by a voice vote.

V. Agenda Items

A. Green Commission Events

1. Flossmoor Tree Grant - Planting Day April 6

a. Tree Grant Applications Approved – Dave Becker

Dave has contacted applicants, and approved 55 trees. He will place stakes at planting sites.

b. Planting Logistics Coordination – Tristan Shaw

Commissioner Shaw will work with Green Commission and Public Works to organize planting groups. All will meet at Village Hall for training and assignments.

c. Volunteer and Education Coordination

Vice Chair Malfeo will bring tree care education packets for distribution to all residents receiving a tree. Volunteer recruitment will be through the community cleanup day event.

2. HF Community Cleanup – April 6

a. Project Posting on HF Area Green Committee website

Laura will create Signup Genius for cleanup and planting, and put on Flossmoor and HF Area Green Committee websites, create a Facebook event, and share directly with potential volunteers. Chair O'Keefe will also have access to volunteer signup. All volunteers will report to Village Hall at 9 am on Saturday, April 6th.

- b. Project & Volunteer Coordination – Public Works and Laura Brennan-Levy
All volunteers will meet at Village Hall on April 6th at 9 am. Waivers, vests, and supplies will be distributed. Cleanup sites have been set by the Public Works, and volunteers will be assigned to cleanup groups, each having a Public Works Crew and a volunteer leader. Volunteers are responsible for own transportation to cleanup sites.
Commissioner Malfeo will host a seed library project at Park Place in Flossmoor Park.

3. Recyclepalooza – May 4

a. Publicity Update

Recyclepalooza promotion and flyer will be shared in ENews, newsletter, HF Chronicle, and at Village Hall. Digital flyers will be sent to commissioners and other agencies to share. Olympia Fields Park District having Shred Event April 27th. Share information.

b. Event Coordination – Carrie Malfeo

c. Volunteer Coordination – Jen O’Keefe

Organize shifts like last year. Laura will set up Signup Genius and link to Recyclepalooza calendar posting.

d. Commissioner assignments

See list at end of notes. Chair O’Keefe researching CD/DVD and cases, Commissioner Barker researching batteries, and Vice Chair Malfeo researching Pop Tabs. All items finalized by April 1st.

B. Green Commission Projects

1. Single-Use Plastic/Straws Campaign

Shallon and Kirsten will work on design on campaign card.

2. Residential Bee Keeping Proposal Update

Commissioner Shaw will research residential beekeeping ordinance management in Skokie and Evanston.

3. Green Commission Annual Report to Board

Vice Chair Malfeo will use *Sustainable Communities Conference* materials to put together Green Commission report draft.

VI. Reports

A. Village of Flossmoor Staff Report

Green Commission should have commission input for June Newsletter at April meeting.

B. Commissioner Reports (*Commissioners are invited to share information on local green related topics*)

Commissioner Malfeo – Looking for volunteers to promote Recyclepalooza at April 27th Homewood Indoor Farmers Market. Would like Green Commission to think about green efforts for Hidden Gem Half Marathon on September 7th, such as water bottle filling stations. Malfeo is reviewing the Village of Park Forest’s Sustainable Landscaping Ordinance for ideas for Flossmoor.

VII. New Business

No new business.

VIII. Adjournment

Chair O’Keefe called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Motion: Commissioner Barker

Second: Commission Ratowitz

Motion passed by a voice vote.

2019 RECYCLEPALOOZA – Agency and Green Commission contacts as of 3.19.19

TV's – ELECTRONICS

A M Greentek 773-787-5719, 3241 East End Ave. South Chicago Heights, IL. 60411

Armando and Chuck Piolet- AM Greentek liaison armando@amg-tek.com

GC contact: Carrie

METALS - anything made of metal or having metal in it.

Gaby Iron and Metal www.gabyironandmetal.com 708-755-1930

GC contact: Carrie - need 8 dedicated volunteers

INK/LASER JETS

Office Depot/Office Max <https://www.officedepot.com/>

Collected by Girl Scout Troop 60194

GC contact: Jen

AMERICAN FLAGS

American Legion

GC contact: Hilary

PLASTIC BAGS/WRAP

Meijers <https://www.meijer.com/>

GC contact: Tyler on-sight collection? End Village Hall collection at Recyclepalooza

CRAYONS/MARKERS

SCARCE <https://www.scarce.org/> 630-545-9710

Collected by Girl Scout

GC contact: Karen Cheung

#6 PLASTIC/POLYSTRENE/STYROFOAM

Dart Container Corporation <https://www.dartcontainer.com/home/>

GC contact: Jen – only if they will collect on-site

CLOTHES - gently used SPORTING GOODS - gently used SMALL HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Jones Center <https://www.jonescenter.org/home.html> 708-757-5395

GC contact: Brian

EYEGLASSES Homewood-Flossmoor Lion's Club **GC contact: Shallon**

BIKES - all types and condition Working Bikes <https://www.workingbikes.org/> 773-847-5440 Devon Snyder

GC contact: Tristan

HOTEL SHAMPOO AND SOAPS (new) Respond Now <http://www.respondnow.org/> 708-755-4357

GC contact: Ernie

Batteries? Hilary researching – Home Depot?

Homewood Disposal – large garbage and recycle bins, curbside recycling banner and info

Parker Jr. High – Laura contact- two bins in southeast corner of parking lot by Flossmoor Rd.

Envelopes for Flossmoor Seed Library

GC contact: Carrie