

D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1.0 ROLL CALL: Chair: D. Hanson; Members: S. Kastern, D. Paulus, B. Voss; Village Board
Liaison: K. Meleski

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.1 Minutes Approval – None available.
- 2.2 Communications – Reporter from the NOW is doing an article on our Pollinator Garden. Mayor’s Monarch Pledge has been forwarded.
- 2.3 Public Input – None.
- 2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – Mr. Meleski explained that the Bee Ordinance is well underway.
- 2.5 Committee Budget – D. Hanson will request more information.

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

- 3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – D. Paulus has been making updates to the website.
- 3.2 CD and Battery Recycling – D. Paulus will replace the CD Recycling Box with a smaller box.
- 3.3 Bird City/IMBD/Bird-a-thon - D. Hanson and S. Kastern attended and promoted. Forty-six species were noted. Pledges are still being accepted.
- 3.4 Tree City/Arbor Day – M. Martin confirmed that we did receive our Tree City renewal status. We planted two Speckled Alder trees in Schoetz Park. Our Department of Public Works did a wonderful job in preparing the site. They cleared multiple large buckthorn. We gave Swamp White Oak and Black Chokeberry to the residents attending.
- 3.5 Vacant Lots/Victory Garden Initiative Contest - Hazelnuts are leafing from bottom up. The apricots are leafing out low and the branches above seem dead.
- 3.6 Grange Woods Nature Trail/Grants – D. Hanson has Black Chokeberry from this year and a few Button Bushes from last year yet to be planted. These could also be planted by the Orchard. B. Voss has the weed wrenches.
- 3.7 Fire Station Lawn Care/Rain Garden Project – Weeding and pruning needs to be done prior to the July 4th celebration.
- 3.8 Grange Avenue Pond – D. Hanson emailed Dave Fowler of MMSD of Grange Avenue.
- 3.9 Additional Signs for Tree & Bird City – K. Meleski addressed the committee of the whole regarding our signage. He has not heard anything back from the committee.
- 3.10 Bee City/Pollinator Week: June 20th – 26th. D. Hanson has requested the proclamation. The planting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on June 25th. D. Hanson ordered plants from Prairie Moon Nursery, MN. We have 76 plants including some Swamp Milkweed and Sneezeweed and New England Aster and Wild Senna. The cost of these plants totaled \$250. D. Hanson is trying to get Hawthorne Garden Club to sponsor. D. Hanson also purchased twelve *Liatrix ligulistylis*. She is making a donation of these plants to our committee. We also received a donation of plants from a seller in Franklin, Carlene Soik. They are cultivars and may be used at the Kitchen or Stahl Conrad Homestead. DPW applied grass seed to the area which was designated as the Pollinator Garden. We now need to decide if/how to remove the seed.
- 3.11 Mayors' Monarch Pledge – Purchased a tray of Swamp Milkweeds to be sold and seeds to be given away.
- 3.12 Garden Initiative – Committee members are instructed to start looking at yards and take pictures.
- 3.13 Committee Presence at Events: August 2nd is National Night Out. July 4th Celebration is at the Fire House. S. Kastern will request presence with Chief Jankowski. D. Paulus will

be there at 10 a.m. Committee members are instructed to save toilet paper rolls for children activities.

- 3.13 Village Newsletter –February, May, August, November. D. Hanson forwarded her submission to our committee for review. Next write up due at beginning of August.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting July 12th 7 p.m. at Village Hall

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (B. Voss, D. Paulus) to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.; motion unanimously approved.