

D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.1 Minutes Approval – None.
- 2.2 Communications – None.
- 2.3 Public Input – None.
- 2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – K. Meleski provided update on Hwy 100 construction and incoming businesses.
- 2.5 Committee Budget – D. Hanson will look for clarification.

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

- 3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – D. Paulus will be posting information about our pollinator garden on the website. S. Kastern will create a post about the National Night Out closer to the date.
- 3.2 CD and Battery Recycling – Z. Fowler found a local recycler for the batteries. No other information available at this time. Two bags of CD's were dropped off at the Village Hall. D. Paulus will create shoe box size bin for the Village Hall.
- 3.3 Bird City/IMBD/Bird-a-thon – D. Hanson completed paperwork for the Bird-a-thon to receive donated monies. Part of Bird City requirements is to educate people on keeping cats indoors and keeping birds from window strike. Committee members were encouraged to take inventory of brochures.
- 3.4 Vacant Lots/Victory Garden Initiative Contest – The Orchard and Pollinator Garden are looking pretty good. There are a couple trees that are in need of a little more care. Two of the Bartlett pears have very small leaves and they appear dry. D. Hanson has been watering. D. Paulus is willing to fertilize the trees that need a boost. The mulch is blooming and will need some extra weeding. D. Paulus will weed the mulch and D. Hanson has been weeding the pollinator garden. We need more wood chips delivered to the Orchard for mulching purposes. D. Hanson will request a delivery from DPW. Victory Garden has not yet provided the signage.
- 3.5 Grange Woods Nature Trail/Grants – Grant money will be necessary in order to hire professionals to deal with the Reed Canary Grass and other invasive plants. The Committee needs to dedicate a full meeting to the project. This will be postponed until the fall season. D. Hanson will get an estimate for the removal of the Reed Canary Grass.
- 3.6 Fire Station Lawn Care/Rain Garden Project – Common Milkweed was pulled out during preparations for July 4th as it was considered a weed. D. Hanson is working to rehabilitate the Milkweed and plant elsewhere on the Village Property.
- 3.7 Grange Avenue Pond – The mowing seems to be improving; allowing the prairie plants to grow and keep invasive plants down. There are many “Native Planting” signs available online. Committee members were encouraged to check out the options and pricing online.
- 3.8 Additional Signs for Tree & Bird City –K. Meleski has addressed this at a Board Meeting. It seems as though the signs have been purchased as there are at least two posts with all three signs.
- 3.9 Bee City/Pollinator Week/ Pollinator Garden – D. Hanson sat in on a Conference Call last week. The topic was fund raising. K. Meleski will get information back to the committee on what type of fund-raising the committee can do. D. Hanson, S. Kastern, and D. Paulus were joined by a couple guests, including a guest who donated native plants to the project, in planting the Pollinator Garden. The plants are doing very well.

- 3.10 Mayors' Monarch Pledge – D. Hanson requested pictures from D. Paulus for documentation of our work on the Pollinator Garden.
- 3.11 Garden Initiative – B. Voss submitted some addresses for nomination. Submitting pictures would be ideal but D. Paulus can take pictures if addresses are submitted.
- 3.12 Committee Presence at Events – National Night Out, Tuesday August 2nd. S. Kastern will reach out to L. Coyne to find out who to contact for a tent at National Night Out. S. Kastern will pick up toilet paper rolls and pine cones from B. Voss.
- 3.13 Village Newsletter- D. Hanson will submit information regarding the battery recycling, the pollinator garden, and keeping cats indoors.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 9th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded (D. Paulus, S. Kastern) to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; motion unanimously approved.