

**Village of Flossmoor**

**Green Commission Meeting MINUTES**

**Time: Jan 19, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)**

**Every month on the Third Tue, until Dec 15, 2020**

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**Meeting ID: 825 7292 2686**

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- I. Call to Order  
Chair Turnquest called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.
- II. Roll Call  
Present: Chair Turnquest, Commissioners O’Keefe, DeSantis, Ratowitz, Shaw and Scharon; Student Representative Benjamin Turnquest  
Absent: Commissioners Goesel and Barker  
Staff: Laura Brennan-Levy
- III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission  
None.
- IV. Approval of December minutes  
Chair Turnquest asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2020 meeting.  
Motion: Commissioner Shaw, Second: Commissioner O’Keefe. Motion passed by a voice vote.
- V. Commission Goals: Goal Setting, Themes and Subcommittees for 2020-2021: Entire Commission
  - A. Each Commissioner’s update on assigned areas
    - Phil: Mayors Monarch Pledge update – workplan – Commissioner DeSantis is monitoring work plan.  
Technology and historical home preservation- no report.
    - Eric: Reducing chemicals, pesticides, herbicides and hazardous waste  
No current report. Chair Turnquest working on summer education program ideas.
    - Reassign: Native Plants and landscaping. Greenhouse gas emissions and energy  
Commissioner Shaw will take on native plants and landscaping. Chair Turnquest will handle greenhouse gas emissions and energy for now.
    - Tristan/Jen: Tree planting and Adopt an Island Ordinance & identify other ordinances that the Green Commission could pass  
Commissioner Shaw reported 46 parkway trees were planted in fall 2020. The commission reviewed the Adopt an Island program proposal. Laura will help arrange a meeting with Commissioner Shaw and Village staff to discuss program and list of native

plant recommendations. Commissioner Shaw will contact Swampscott, MA to discuss their established Adopt an Island program.

- Hilary/Janelle: Exploring the Greenest Region Compact goals  
Commissioner Barker was not in attendance, so no report.
- Ben/Ernie/Everyone: Youth Development, Ben: Promotional campaign language for a call for resident-created Green videos. Student Representative Ben Turnquest is working with Commissioner O'Keefe on a milkweed video. Laura suggested sharing the girl scout MLK Day of Service project video on making dog toys from recycled materials. Ben will get update on the HF High School Environmental Club. Commissioner Scharon volunteered to be the liaison to the Flossmoor School District 161 Green Teams.

#### B. Next Steps

#### VI. Old Business

- A. Monarch Pledge Work Plan See comments in V. Commission Goals
- B. Adopt an Island Project – See comments in V. Commission Goals

#### VII. New Business

Commissioner Goesel resigned from the commission due to other commitments. He offered his volunteer help on future Green Commission projects and events.

Commissioners discussed planning a Spring 2021 Community Cleanup project, and hold Recyclepalooza in the fall of 2021. Laura will check remaining budget available through April 30, 2021. The commission will review 2021 program and event ideas for 2021 at the next meeting.

#### VIII. Adjournment

Chair Turnquest called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Commission Shaw, Second: Commissioner Ratowitz. Motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2021