

**Village of Flossmoor
GREEN COMMISSION
Conference Room
MINUTES
May 16, 2023**

I. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson O'Keefe called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission
Ken and Mary Gehrling

IV. Approval of April 18, 2023, minutes

Vice Chairperson O'Keefe asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Barker brought forth the motion. Second: Commissioner Shaw. Motion passed by roll call vote.

V. Farewell and thank you Vice Chairperson O'Keefe:

The commission expressed its gratitude for Vice Chairperson O'Keefe's years of service. The commission will wait to hear news of an appointment from Mayor Nelson for a new Vice Chairperson.

VI. Traffic Circle Heather Hill:

The commission wondered if it would be possible to place a recycled piece of art in the traffic circle. Additionally, the commission would like to see it planted with native plants.

VII. Mayor's Monarch Pledge list of action items:

Stephanie shared with the commission that they have completed some items from the MMP list of action items. She also shared that the Department of Public Works was open to planting swamp milkweed in the retention area in front of Village Hall. This would check off another item on the pledge.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. Greenest Region: *No update*

IX. New Business:

- a. Pride: *Stephanie shared that everyone was welcome to come to Irwin Park on June 9 to be a welcoming presence for the Pride event.*
- b. America In Bloom: *There will be tours given as part of a grant the Veteran's Memorial Group has been awarded. Part of the tour will feature the pollinator garden and the trees.*
- c. Tree Walk: *During July and August Dave Becker mentioned he would be willing to help staff a walking tree tour of some of the diverse trees in our area. This will help bring awareness to the importance of tree care.*
- d. Chamber Night: *The event will be held on July 19. The commission will look to give away more milkweed plants. This was a very popular part of the event and checks another item off the action items from MMP.*
- e. Fest: *September 9*
- f. New Student Liaison: *Stephanie is working with the staff at HF to identify interested students.*

IX. Caring and Sharing: *none.*

XI. Adjournment

*Commissioner Shaw made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ratowitz second.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.*

Next Meeting: July 18, 2023