

**Village of Flossmoor**  
**Green Commission Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**June 15, 2021**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Turnquest called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Turnquest, Commissioners Ratowitz, O’Keefe, DeSantis, Barker, Lippert

Absent: Klages, Shaw, Scharon

Staff: Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

None

IV. Approval of May 18, 2021 minutes

Chairman Turnquest called for a motion to approve the minutes of May 18, 2021. Motion: O’Keefe.

Second: Barker. Motion passed by a voice vote.

V. Green Commission Budget Review

The annual budget for the Green Commission is \$1,000. Commissioner O’Keefe suggested allocating \$200 for miscellaneous supplies, which would include items like the library labels. Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve up the use of up to \$200 of the annual budget for miscellaneous supplies. Second: Baker. Motion passed by a roll call vote.

VI. Commission Goals Goal Setting, Themes and Subcommittees for 2020-2021: Entire Commission

A. Each Commissioner’s update on assigned areas

Mayors Monarch Pledge – Commissioner DeSantis and Allison provided an update on the plantings at Leavitt Park. Commissioner DeSantis suggested a ceremony to mark the dedication of the garden.

Herbicide reduction: Allison summarized the Board discussion and citizen comments from the discussion regarding herbicide use on Village property. Given that one sentiment from the Board was that the Village’s properties are small compared to all of the residential pesticide and herbicide use, Allison suggested the Green Commission showcase residences that have reduced grass and are using more natural or native plants. The Commission discussed making this part of the commission booth at Flossmoor Fest.

Commissioner Scharon was not present but she is working on a grant for the garden at Flossmoor Hills School

Commissioner Lippert shared that he has identified most of the plants at the Flossmoor Public Library and will be working on the labels.

VII. Old Business

A. Spring Tree Planting

Allison is going to work on a letter to send out to the residents who received trees to water them during the drought conditions.

B. 2021 Calendar of events and projects

The Commission discussed options for reducing waste at Flossmoor Fest including talking to the restaurants, reusable cups and water stations.

C. Recyclepalooza Planning – October, 2021

Commissioner Turnquest reported that Recyclepalooza is confirmed for Parker Junior High on October 2 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VIII. New Business

None

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Turnquest called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: O'Keefe. Second: Lippert. The motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.