

**Village of Flossmoor  
Green Commission Meeting  
Village Hall/Zoom Meeting  
July 20, 2021  
MINUTES**

I. Call to Order

*Chairman Turnquest called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.*

II. Roll Call

*Present: Chairman Turnquest, Commissioners Klages, Shaw, Lippert, O'Keefe, Ratowitz*

*Absent: Commissioners Scharon, Barker, DeSantis*

*Staff: Assistant Village Manager Allison Matson*

III. Welcome Citizens Present Wishing to Address the Commission

*None*

IV. Approval of June 15, 2021 minutes

*Chairman Turnquest called for a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2021.*

*Motion: O'Keefe. Second: Lippert. Motion passed by a voice vote.*

V. Green Commission Budget Review

*Allison did not have an updated budget to share.*

VII. Motion to Adopt Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Municipal Code (Remote Meeting Attendance)

*Allison explained that while Commission meetings are now in person only, virtual attendance is allowed in narrow circumstances in the Illinois Open Meetings Act. For the Green Commission to allow remote attendance, the commission would need to adopt the rules that the Village Board codified via the Flossmoor Municipal Code. Chairman Turnquest called for a motion to adopt Chapter 9, Article 2 of the Flossmoor Municipal Code.*

*Motion: Lippert. Second: Klages. Motion passed by a voice vote.*

VIII. Flossmoor Fest Booth Planning – Display - Residential Herbicide Use Reduction

*Commissioner O'Keefe has been working on the project and identifying homes and lawns to feature in photos at the booth. The Commission also discussed having a signup for volunteers for recyclepalooza, a drawing for a bat house, oak tree giveaways and materials to accompany the herbicide reduction initiative including a native plant list. Allison will reach out to the Parker Junior High shop class to see if they can make bat houses as a project. Darlyne will provide water jugs for the water filling stations.*

VI. Themes and Subcommittees for 2020-2021: Entire Commission

A. Active Projects:

a. Recyclepalooza – All

*The commission assigned vendors to contact.*

*Electronic Waste: Tristan*

*Metals – Ernie (completed)*

*Ink/Laser Cartridges: Darlyne*

*Flags: Hilary*  
*Crayons/Markers: Karen Cheung*  
*Humane Society: Jen*  
*Styrofoam: Jen*  
*Beauty Containers: Jen*  
*Pop Tabs – Ronald McDonald*  
*Jones Center (clothes, sporting goods, household items) – Brian Goesel*  
*Bikes: Tristan*  
*Trophies: Hilary*  
*Legos: Hilary*

- b. Mayor's Monarch Pledge – *No update*
  - c. Native Plants and Landscaping – *Part of the Fest booth*
  - d. Adopt an Island – *Allison to coordinate with Tristan*
  - e. Greenest Region Compact – *No update. Hilary to review for monarch and herbicide reduction.*
  - f. Tree Planting – *Scheduled for October*
  - g. Flossmoor School District 161 Green Team – *No update*
  - h. Rain Barrels – *Darlyne provided materials for distribution. Residents are encouraged to order from MWRD for a discounted price.*
  - i. Library Plant Signage – *Jeffrey – This project is complete. Jeffrey will provide language to include in the upcoming newsletter.*
  - j. Social Media/Promotion – *No update*
- B. Proposed Areas/Projects:
- a. Ordinances related to green commission focus
  - b. Technology and historical home preservation
  - c. Household Hazardous Waste
  - d. Greenhouse gas emissions

*No updates*

## VII. Old Business

- A. Village 2021 Calendar of events and projects  
*Allison reviewed the upcoming events including the Back to School movie and the IPO Concert at the Flossmoor Public Library.*

## VIII. New Business

- A. New student Liaison to replace Ben  
*Ben Turnquest's last meeting is tonight. Allison will reach out to the sponsor of the Environmental Vikings for a replacement.*

## IX. Adjournment

*Chairman Turnquest called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion: Lippert. Second: Shaw. Motion passed by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.*