

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
7:00 P.M.
Village Hall Board Room
40 East Center Avenue

AGENDA

1. Call To Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration of the February 22, 2017 Sustainability and Community Enhancement Committee (SEC) Meeting Minutes
4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors (Public Comment)

The Co-Chairs will allocate fifteen (15) minutes during this item for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee on any matter not listed on the agenda. Each person addressing the Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee is asked to limit their comments to a maximum of five (5) minutes.

5. Order of the Meeting
The Co-Chairs will entertain requests from anyone present on the order of business to be conducted during the Meeting.
6. General Business
The Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee will entertain requests from anyone present to modify the order of business to be conducted.
 - a) A Discussion with members of LBOLA regarding their efforts of 176 Corridor Buckthorn Eradication.
 - b) A Discussion with Margaret Fox-Hawthorne Regarding Backyard Chicken Keeping.
7. Village Staff Report
A review of the February 27, 2017 Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.
8. Member's Report
9. Co-Chair's Report
10. Adjournment

*R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator*

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**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

February 22, 2017

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on February 22, 2017 in the Village Hall Board Room (40 E. Center Avenue) at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

2. Roll Call

Present: Emmet Brady
 Jill Danly
 Liz Leutwiler
 Nan Patterson
 Anne Sorensen

Absent: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
 Brian Rener, Co-Chair

Also Present: Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
 Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

3. Chair Pro-Tem

Member Sorensen motioned to nominate Member Brady as Chair Pro Tem. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

The SEC allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the SEC on any matter not listed on the agenda.

There were no requests to address the SEC.

5. Order of the Meeting

There were no requests to change the order of business.

6. General Business

A. A Discussion with Dr. Robyn Walter Regarding Backyard Chicken Keeping

Chair Pro Tem Brady introduced Dr. Walter a Veterinarian from Highland Park, IL. She described her involvement and experience with chickens and her research in the keeping of chickens.

Dr. Walter stated that backyard chickens typically live longer than chickens kept for extensive production. They may lay eggs for 10-12 years and typically people keep them as pets after that. Dr. Walter added that avian influenza may be a concern with

chickens, and may cross species into dogs or people; however, everyone that she knows who keeps backyard chickens has not had a problem with avian influenza. This isn't common with backyard chickens.

Member Sorensen inquired on the typical quantity of chickens one would keep in their backyard. Dr. Walter advised she has seen three to six chickens, and no roosters. She added that they are clean and do not produce an offensive odor, as long as owners are hygienic and keep coop clean. They are typically quieter than owning a dog.

Dr. Walter stated the chickens need to be kept in confinement for their own protection due to predators such as coyotes, raccoon, cats, etc.

Administrative Intern (AI) Bottalico inquired about chicken keeping during the winter months. Dr. Walter advised to use heating lamps and choose species that will tolerate Chicago's winter.

Member Danly inquired on any recommendations that Dr. Walter can offer the Village when considering a pilot program. Dr. Walter advised to limit flock size to under six, and not allow roosters. Dr. Walter recommended a book titled "Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens" that provides best practices.

Dr. Walter advised that ten feet away from a neighbor's property would be an appropriate distance. She stated that this distance will help keep a chicken less stressed, which in turn will keep a chicken healthy.

A discussion ensued on the experiences of keeping backyard chickens. The SEC then thanked Dr. Walter for her time.

B. A Discussion with Lake Bluff Girl Scout Troop 40459 Regarding Recycling Efforts

Chair Pro Tem Brady introduce the Lake Bluff Girl Scout Troop 40459 and Ms. Davis and their efforts.

Ms. Davis allowed Girl Scout members to introduce themselves and address the SEC regarding their current project titled "Agent of Change" and their desire to help the SEC purchase an additional recycling bin for the Central Business District (CBD). The Girl Scouts advised they desire to meet the Village halfway in financing a recycling bin to be placed in the CBD. Ms. Davis also advised they'd like to set up a booth during a weekend to help sell their Girl Scout cookies. A portion of the cookie sales may be put toward the recycling bin.

AI Bottalico advised that the Village accommodates nonprofits at no-charge to set up a booth during the Farmers' Market or on a Saturday morning in the CBD. The Girl Scouts advised they'd like to see the recycling bin be placed in front of Wisma in the CBD.

Girl Scout members thanked the SEC for their time and the SEC members thanked the Girl Scouts for attending and agreeing to a partnership.

Michael, a member of the audience, addressed the SEC and stated that he supports the idea of keeping backyard chickens, and that he had experience in raising them and has

not experienced issues. He also gave the SEC some advice regarding liability issues.

Chris, a member from the audience, addressed the SEC and provided them with examples of other communities who permit chickens, as well as other groups who keep backyard chickens and others who take in chicken garbage scraps.

C. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Member Leutwiler moved to approve the January 25, 2017 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

D. Review of a Draft Beekeeping Pilot Program.

AI Bottalico advised he added the regulations that had been previously omitted. He stated this is a fluid document that can be adjusted as we go since it is a pilot program. If the SEC is ok with the document as it reads it would be forwarded to the Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) for their review.

Member Patterson moved to forward the draft beekeeping pilot program to the COW for their review. Chair Pro Tem Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

E. A Discussion Regarding an Upcoming Report to the Village Board

AI Bottalico provided the SEC with a copy of a memorandum to be presented to the Village Board of Trustees at a regular scheduled Village Board meeting. This memorandum outlines the purpose of the SEC, past accomplishments, current status and future goals.

Member Sorensen moved to forward the memorandum to the Village Board for their review. Member Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Village Staff Report

Staff had nothing to report.

8. Member's Report

The Members had nothing to report.

9. Co-Chair's Report

The Co-Chairs were absent.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Member Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Chair Pro Tem Brady seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franco Bottalico
Administrative Intern

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 24, 2017

To: Co-Chair Rener and Co-Chair Puryear and SEC Members

From: Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

Subject: A Discussion with LBOLA Members Regarding Buckthorn Eradication



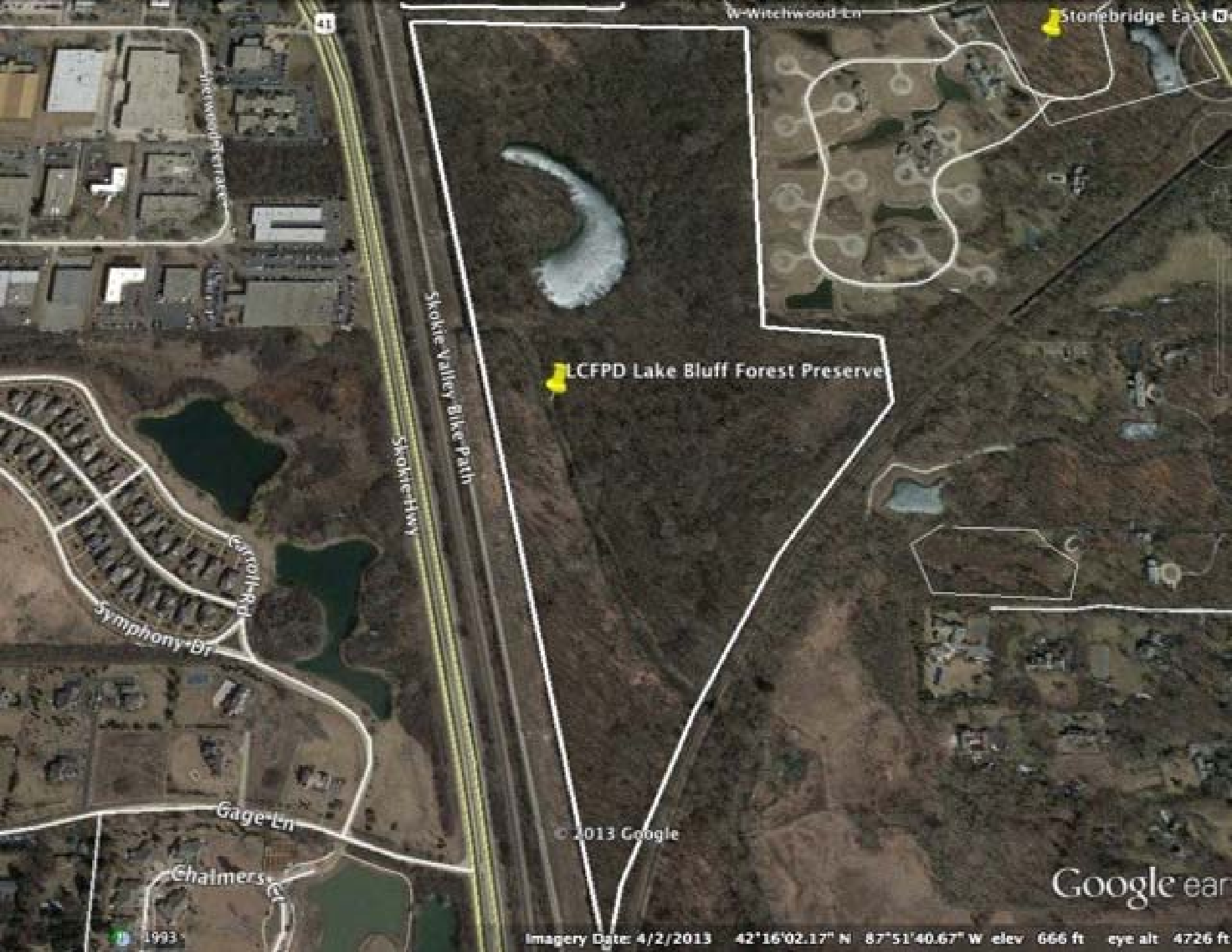
NORTH SHORE LIFE
LAKE BLUFF STYLE

Staff has invited Lake Bluff Open Lands Association (LBOLA) President Larry McCotter, and Members Bill Nordeen and Al Trefts to provide information regarding LBOLA and discuss their on-going efforts on buckthorn eradication near the 176 Corridor.

The Lake Bluff Open Lands Association is a local NFP dedicated to the preservation and restoration of open spaces and natural areas in and around Lake Bluff, Illinois. Formed in 1981 by Carolyn Goetz for the purpose of saving a small wetland and white pine plantation from being developed into a housing subdivision, LBOLA celebrated their 34th anniversary in 2015. With only seasonal and student workers, they essentially function as a volunteer organization improving Village, Park District, LBOLA properties and conservation easements in and around the Village including the Skokie River Prairie (a 2010 designated Illinois Land and Water Reserve).

Attachment:

- Map depicting the Skokie River Prairie Land and Water Reserve area to the north, and Oriole Grove Forest Preserve to the south.



LCFPD Lake Bluff Forest Preserve

Skokie Valley Bike Path

Skokie Hwy

W-Witchwood Ln

Stonebridge East

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Imagery Date: 4/2/2013 42°16'02.17" N 87°51'40.67" W elev 666 ft eye alt 4726 ft

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Rockland Rd
N Shore Bike Path

LBOLA's East-West Bikepath, Prairie

Thornwood Ln

Birkdale Rd

Sunset Terrace

W-Sheridan Pl

Park Ln

LBOLA's Skokie River Prairie - an IL Land and Water Reserve

MacLaren Ln

W-Hawthorne Ct

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Skokie Valley Rd

Skokie Valley Bike Path

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MEMORANDUM



Date: March 24, 2017

To: Co-Chair Rener and Co-Chair Puryear and SEC Members

From: Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

Subject: A Discussion with Margaret Fox-Hawthorne Regarding Backyard Chicken Keeping

The SEC directed Staff to contact a chicken keeping professional to educate the SEC on best prior to drafting a backyard chicken keeping pilot program.

At its past meeting a Highland Park Veterinarian, Dr. Walter, educated the SEC on the needs and possible misconceptions of chickens. For March 29, 2017's meeting the SEC will gain an understanding of backyard chicken keeping best practices through a phone discussion with Small Waters Education Director Margaret Fox-Hawthorne. Ms. Fox-Hawthorne is a retired teacher and avid chicken keeper. She also teaches a backyard chicken keeping course at McHenry County Community College.

Staff recommends the SEC inquire on concerns such as: (i) the specifications of a coop and fencing material; (ii) the recommended quantity of chickens per coop; (iii) chicken breeds ideal for the Chicagoland; (iv) egg production; and (v) the maintenance required to keep backyard chickens.

Attachment:

- Draft Backyard Chicken Keeping Pilot Program Outline.
- Margaret Fox-Hawthorne Bio (copied from *smallwaters.org*).

Lake Bluff Draft Backyard Chicken Pilot Program Outline

- 1.) Housing: All residential chickens shall be kept within a pen, coop, building or other enclosure sufficient in size and strength to confine such animals in the owner's property. A permit shall be obtained from the Village of Lake Bluff ("Village") prior to the construction, addition, or modification of any pen, coop, building or other enclosure used for the purposes of housing chickens.
- 2.) Zoning: All residents in the following Village Zoning districts are permitted to keep residential chickens on their property: C-E; E-1; E-2; R-1; R-2; R-3; R-4; and R-6. Permission for districts not listed here residents can submit a request directly to the Village Board.
- 3.) Restrictions:
 - i. A maximum of six (6) residential chickens shall be permitted on any property. Roosters shall be prohibited.
 - ii. Residential chickens shall be kept in the rear yard (behind the home).
 - iii. No pen, coop, building or other enclosure used for the purpose of housing chickens shall be erected or maintained within any ten (10) feet of any occupied residence other than that of the owner.
 - iv. Every person maintaining a pen, coop, building, yard or enclosure for residential chickens shall keep such area clean and sanitary at all times. Any dirt or refuse resulting from the residential chickens shall be disposed in a clean and sanitary fashion.
 - v. All feed for residential chickens shall be kept in containers that are rodent-proof until put out for consumption by the residential chickens.
 - vi. Any pen, coop, or other structure used for the purpose of housing residential chickens that is not fully-enclosed shall be screened to a height of six (6) feet. Said screening shall be comprised of fences or walls six (6) feet in height, landscaping of at least seventy-five (75%) opacity, such as non-deciduous plantings, or equivalent screening and shall be located either along the perimeter of the lot where the pen, coop, building or other enclosure used for the purpose of housing residential chickens is located, or around the perimeter of the pen, coop, or enclosure itself.
 - vii. No person and/or property owner shall be allowed to violate Title 4, Chapter 1 "Nuisances" of the Lake Bluff Municipal Code. Failure to adhere to these rules constitutes a nuisance under the Lake Bluff Municipal Code.

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Director:

Margaret Fox-Hawthorne



Margaret taught school for 20 years in the Harvard, Illinois school district. For most of that time she oversaw "The Goals Program", a grant program addressing the needs of at-risk students at all grade levels who were identified as potential dropouts. Along with her husband, she raises organically grown vegetables and fruit, as well as free range poultry for meat and eggs, a few Berkshire pigs, turkeys and bees. She chairs the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Woodstock. She is a member of The Land Conservancy of McHenry County and the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County, with whom she has served twice as a board member and a chairperson of their Education Committee. She has also served on the boards of Citizens for Conservation in Barrington and Prairie Woods Audubon. Margaret is an advocate for people with disabilities, receiving the ARC of Illinois Family Member of the Year Award for 2011. (ARC is an organization that empowers people with disabilities.) She has served on the Development Advisory Committee for Pioneer Center for Human Services and was co-chair and chair of the Gold Rush, Pioneer Center's major fundraising event for several years.