

Village of Romeoville

**Conservation & Sustainability Committee**

Promoting Conservation and Environmental Stewardship

Education and Outreach of Community Initiatives

Ideas on the Development of Conservation Measures and Sustainable Practices

Minutes

June 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

Present: Erica Moreno, Alaina Moreno, Dan Casey, Jennifer Gabrenya, Brandi Nassenstein, Joe Miraglia, Art Arellano

Village Board Liaison: Lou Aguirre, Village Trustee

Village Staff Liaison: Dawn Caldwell, Village Manager

Village Staff: Chris Drey, Director of Public Works

Attendees Introduced Themselves.

Approval of May 14th Minutes - Motion by Gabrenya, Second by Nassenstein, All in Favor; motion carried

New Business

Aguirre proposes to include Monarch Waystation Registration and native plant care information with Monarch Kits in the future.

The committee discusses the Romeoville Official Flower and identifies Virginia Bluebells as the Village flower.

The committee discussed the potential of a future partnership with the Forest Preserve District to host an official flower event at O'Hara Woods when the flowers are in bloom.

Gabrenya agrees to submit photos of the bluebells in bloom to the Village of Romeoville Marketing.

Caldwell proposes to host plant sales through the Village in the future. Casey shows interest in creating a partnership with the Nature Foundation for these plant sales.

Gabrenya agrees to head Nature Talks for the Village. This will be an interview-style program that informs residents about the conservation efforts the Village has and is making. As well as inform residents about plants that are native to the area (i.e. where to plant them, how to care for them, etc.)

The committee agrees to head a table at the Rockin' the Ville Summer Concerts this year. With plans to be an information table for residents to learn about the various events and conservation efforts of the Village.

Drey agrees to provide Water Conservation Flyers for the committee to hand out.

Gabrenya agrees to head the table at the July 10th concert. Aguirre agrees to head table at the July 17th concert. Gabrenya and A. Moreno agreed to head the table at the July 24th concert. Nassenstein and A. Moreno agreed to head the table at the July 31st concert.

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm made by A. Arellano, second by Casey, All in Favor; motion carried

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 6 pm - Executive Session Room 1B13

(Thru the Village Board Room)