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PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee

October 1, 2018, 6:00 PM

Westmont Public Library, 428 N. Cass, Westmont, IL 60559

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order

Bruce Barker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call

Committee Members: Glenn Gabryel, Christa Stanulis, Brittany Smith, and chair Bruce Barker

Staff in attendance: Jon Yeater

Others in attendance: Geri Richter

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

a. Regular meeting minutes 09/10/2018

Will approve at next meeting in November

6. Reports

a. Recap of September 18th MMC G.R.C. meeting

Glenn summarized the meeting he attended. He is waiting on the minutes and presentations to share with all of the committee. MMC is looking for more input from the various members, including potentially financial in order to create a reporting and tracking procedure for the GRC2. There was a lot of information shared during the meeting, and the next meeting is on October 29th with an emphasis on electrical vehicle readiness for municipalities.

Kate Johnson arrived at 6:21pm.

b. Chair Report

Bruce passed on emails about the SOLSmart program to the Community Development office. The interim director of the department respectfully declined at this time due to vacancies in the department. We will revisit when the department has filled vacancies and can potentially take on the project. In discussions with Mike Ramsey about the bulb recycler, Bruce will prepare something to push the initiative for various agencies to be able to use this piece of equipment. Please prepare all questions for Waste Management for the November meeting. With the help of Larry Forssberg (Chamber of Commerce), Bruce is hoping to get some information blasted to local businesses about the EIC.

7. Old Business

a. Winter Speaker Series

Spring date is December 9th. One idea is a speaker about backyard chickens.

b. Dark Skies

Christa shared a document that included Illinois Dark Skies ordinances, Village of Home Glen ordinances, and Westmont ordinances. Westmont is not currently doing a lot in ordinances that connects to lighting. Christa organized the information into categories: light levels, light direction, lighting control, and color temperature. She has also added recommendations for additions to ordinances.

c. Richmond Gardens Board of Directors

Dan from Clarendon Hills had the idea of having a board of directors for Richmond Gardens. Manager May needs to look into this with Clarendon Hills to figure out how exactly it would work. Bruce wants to recommend someone from the EIC, and someone from the Park District in order to increase engagement with the project.

8. New Business

a. Richmond Gardens Presentation- library

The library is hoping to have a presentation in December or January about the garden. Rotary has also asked to have someone come in and talk about the garden. Bruce is hoping for volunteers to create and present. Jon has a presentation already created, and will work on updating it. Christa has agreed to help present.

9. Misc. / Action Plans

Barker- The Fire Department Open House is October 13th to celebrate their 95th anniversary. On the 12th they will have the silent parade down Cass Avenue at approximately 7pm. The drug take back program with the police department and Marianos is October 27th.

Gabriel- We have a potential yes from Maercker School for help for November 3rd composting event. Kate, Geri, and Glenn are available to help.

Yeater- Wants to purchase an easel for the EIC. Will be put on the next agenda for a vote.

Additionally for the next agenda, adding the idea of an environmental award for a community award. SCARCE has a food scrap and composting workshop on October 11th from 9-12pm. One of the nurseries contacted Jon to do an OAKtober event with the schools in October. Details will be shared once they are finalized.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Smith motioned to adjourn, Gabriel seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.