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PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee

August 5, 2019, 6:00 PM

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

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

Staff in attendance: Jon Yeater

Others in attendance: Geri Richter, Anika Bhoopalam, Kimberly Bell, and Carol Johnson

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

a. Regular meeting minutes 5/6/2019

Motion: Gabriel motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Stanulis seconded

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

b. Regular meeting minutes 6/3/2019

Motion: Stanulis motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Gabriel seconded

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

6. Reports

a. Chair Report

None

b. Recap on MMC meetings 6/26 & 7/18 'sustainability'

Gabriel recapped both of the meetings for the committee.

7. Old Business

a. Environmental Awards

Barker suggested we all share any businesses that are doing environmentally practices so we can nominate them for this award. Bhoopalam let the group know the high school just installed solar panels. The committee would also like someone to come out and speak about solar panels to the committee so that we are better informed.

b. EIC Annual Report 2018

Barker will touch base with Manager May to coordinate what date he would like us to attend a committee and board meeting.

c. Monarch Festival

Smith reported that the Monarch Festival is all set for September 14th and we hope everyone can attend!

d. Street Fair

There was a lot of interest in the community about dark skies initiatives. Our next street fair is August 29th and our topic will be Richmond Gardens and the Monarch Festival.

8. New Business

a. Village Composting Survey Results

There were 226 total responses- 223 usable responses (non residents or incomplete information for 3). Of those, 165 people are interested in the program, and 45 are a maybe. 65 people were interested if there was an extra cost, 99 said maybe. Based off of the results, price is the issue versus having an extra bin. Another issue that was brought up was the education portion of what would and would not be compostable. Other issues were bin size, ability to share with neighbors, frequency of pick up, and how to deal with smells and rodents. Stanlus asked about the potential of adding the program before our waste collection contract renewal and Barker said that would be something we would need to bring to Manager May.

Motion: Stanulis motioned to move forward with presenting a plan to the Manager, Gabriel seconded

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

b. VOW Solar

Yeater spoke with community development and Commissioner Vitel responded that they treat it as a regular permit, and has no issues with it currently. Barker responded this is another reason why we should have a presentation for the group to learn more.

c. Special Waste Collection Event Preparation

Barker will collect ideas and speak to Mike Brink about what we can do for this.

d. Waste Stream Reduction Initiative

Gabriel presented on the DuPage County Waste and Recycling Survey.

e. Earth Flag Update

Yeater updated the group on where we the Village is for the Earth Flag program. Scarce completed a green audit of all the facilities, made recommendations based on the audit, and finally facilitated a staff training. VOW is ready now to receive that award.

f. Greenest Region Corps

Gabriel presented this volunteer program for MMC participants where municipalities get the help of interns for various environmental projects.

g. Pumpkin Smash and Composting Events 2019

Pumpkin smash is on October 19th at 11am. Pumpkin composting will potentially be November 2nd and potentially at the library.

h. 2019 Fall Native Tree and Plant Sale

Last year's sale there was not a great turnout. Yeater wants to continue, but wanted to speak to the group. The group agreed to continue this year on October 5th.

9. Misc.

Smith let the group know she will not be attendance in September and she will need someone to take minutes. Gabriel will take them.

Yeater received approval to put up the bat houses at public works and municipal lot near 59th and Williams.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Smith motioned to adjourn, Stanulis seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.