

PUBLIC NOTICE
Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee
November 4, 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: Chair Bruce Barker, Chair Linda Liddle, Kimberly Bell, Glenn Gabryel, Carol Johnson, Geri Richter, Christa Stanulis

Staff in attendance: Jon Yeater, Village Manager Steve May

Others in attendance: Anika Bhoopalam, David Svitak

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

a. Regular meeting minutes 8/5/2019 approved

Regular meeting minutes 9/9/2019 approved

Regular meeting minutes 10/7/2019 approved

Motion: Liddle motioned to approve, Gabriel seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

6. Reports

a. Chair Report – Nothing to report

b. Recap on MMC meeting 10/7/19 “Regional Climate Planning” presented by Gabryel. MMC is moving to a tracking format on 8 categories to track participating community achievements. Community gardens, pumpkin composting, etc. are all noteworthy sustainability achievements.

7. Old Business

a. Environmental Awards - The sustainability achievements of Westmont schools was discussed. This will be discussed more in December.

b. Special Waste Collection Event Preparation - Barker is looking into the possibility of using Stericycle as a local option for hazardous waste collection as they already work with the Village. Barker is also looking into a Wood Dale facility providing a similar service.

Yeater noted that Cool DuPage facilitates special waste collection events and is currently looking for host sites. They will take care of almost everything but would need additional manpower to assist in running the event and traffic control. The time from sign up to the actual event date could be years out, but typically 6 weeks notice is given in advance of the event. Manager May noted that Westmont should investigate associated costs so we know what to expect.

- c. Waste Stream Reduction Initiative
The EIC believes a curbside compost program would offer the most immediate and significant near term answer to reducing Westmont's unfavorable solid waste tonnage trend. EIC met with Manager May to recommend this and will follow up with Waste Management for more program specifics.
- d. EIC Membership
Kimberly Bell, Carol Johnson, and Geri Richter were welcomed as new members. Yeater will follow up with Rocco Giase about Park District representation.
- e. EIC residential contact list - Yeater clarified that people sharing email address via EIC surveys and events can be contacted as needed regarding EIC topics.

8. New Business

- a. EIC Logo
Manager May noted that Village rebranding is ongoing but will look into the status. May suggested that the EIC consider some repeated feature that ties into the Westmont logo.
- b. Solar Investment Tax Credit
Gabryel looking into an email sent to the Village of Westmont asking Westmont to endorse the extension of the Solar Investment Tax Credit. We will discuss at the next meeting.
- c. Naturalized landscape
The goal is to encourage residents to plant native species in a manner that does not create a public nuisance. Yeater noted that native plantings take several years to mature to what they should look like and can be less attractive in the first few years. Yeater also noted that parkway plantings other than turf must be permitted and the responsibility to maintain such plantings will always be the homeowners. Yeater to look into existing policies and ordinances to see if any clarification is required.
- d. Dark skies ordinance

This will be discussed at the December meeting.

e. Green city partner

Green city approached the EIC to ask about partnering to promote Green City's Earth Day activities. EIC decided not to participate in this program.

9. Misc.

Pumpkin Composting was a success. We had 61 participants mainly from Westmont and Clarendon Hills and collected 265 pumpkins. Liddle asked Manager May about promoting environmental awareness at the train station. May noted that handouts inside the station can be coordinated through the Chamber of Commerce, and printed material can be mounted inside the glass. Gabryel asked whether it is possible to utilize the television that is not currently being used inside the station; May to investigate. Westmont has agreed to host an MMC meeting in Westmont, more details to come. Yeater clarified with Bales Ace Hardware that they currently only take lead batteries for recycling but may be interested in household battery collection. Yeater to follow up with Stan Bales. The following EIC event dates will appear on the 2020 Rotary Club calendar

- 4/24 – Arbor Day Tree Seedling Give Away 1-5pm
- 5/16 – DuPage County River Sweep 9am-noon
- 5/30 – Storm Drain Stenciling 9am – noon
- 10/3 – Fall Native Tree and Shrub Sale 9-11am
- 11/7 – Pumpkin Composting and Bulb Smashing 9am-noon
- 11/9 thru 01/31/2021 Holiday Lights Recycling

10. Adjourn

Motion: Stanulis motioned to adjourn, Liddle seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.