

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

March 31, 2014, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

Minutes - Final

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call:

Present:

M. Gabryel	P	J. Sopak	P
G. Gabryel	A	A. Spencer	P
K. Lombardozzi	P	T. Tieche	P
M. McAuliffe	P	R. Van Hyfte	P
P. Ristau	P		

Staff:

L. McIntyre	P	R. Fleck	P
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VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT AB=ABSTAIN N=NO W=Withdrawn

P=PRESENT Y=YES V=VACATION

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Clarke Mosquito Presentation

- Presenter - Emily Glasberg
- Overview of current mosquito program
- Introduced a new program Earth Right for the village's consideration
- Larval Control – mainly in retention ponds and catch basins using a new product Natular larvicide which lasts approximately 20% longer than the product currently in use.
- Adult Mosquito Control – spray using a new product Merus adulticide. Merus's active ingredient is derived from chrysanthemum flowers.
- Both of the products have application methods **help reduce emissions and lessening a community's carbon footprint and environmental impact by monitoring and delivery of the product** mobilizing Toyota hybrid Prius cars for crew transportation and bicycles for the application of larvicide in catch basins
- **The cost increase of the Earth Right program is \$1,550 or slightly less than 2%.**

5. Composting / Organic Waste Presentation

Presenter –Karen Rozmus – Village of Oak Park Environmental Services Manager

- Oak Park has approximately 52,000 households of which 42% are multifamily that have private contracts for waste hauling. Waste Management provides waste hauling services for the single family residences.
- Karen believes Oak Park single family residences should be able to recycle with a 88% diversion rate
- Volunteer subscription to the CompostAble program for a 96 gallon cart is \$14 per month. No smaller carts are available due to the equipment used by Waste Management for pick up. The pilot program was 110 participants which grew to 560 households last year. (Approximately 10% of single family households). Pick ups are weekly with the exception of winter which is bi-weekly. This was the first CompostAble program for Waste Management.
- The program in addition to 96 gallon cart, the participants get a pail for under the kitchen sink and a box of compostable bags for food scraps.
- 90-120 days to compost in this program versus 6 months or longer in a backyard compost bin.
- Currently 9 elementary schools, food pantry, farmers market and 2 restaurants participate in the program.
- The tipping fee at the compost site and/or landfill are the same, however the distance of the compost site is approximately 50 miles versus 100 miles for the landfill.
- rozmus@oak-park.us
- Network of passionate individuals makes this program possible and effective.
- Oak Park has an approximate \$3 million garbage/disposal budget which costs are passed along to the residents.

6. Community Garden Concept Presentation

Presenter – Dan Ungerleider Village of Clarendon Hills Director of Community Development

- Members of the community are working on the Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary to build an education garden and beekeeping project with 5 hives. The project would be handicapped accessible and will focus on native plants and vegetables and having a living wall and a rain garden with a solar powered pump.
- The village is interested in working on an intergovernmental agreement with Westmont on this project. The costs of the project \$60,000 - \$100,000 and expected to be a 2015 project.
- The village also has a Footprint project which focuses on weekly environmental in the summer in conjunction with the Thursday evening family community event program.

Kay - Scarce is funded by DuPage County

May 10th get your garden growing green. Garden hoses have lead. A few hoses do not have lead

May 28th tour of community gardens in the area

Aug 7-10 \$300 for 3 days in Chicago on community gardens (national show)

Bob Fleck Westmont Park District

Would like for Westmont to have a community garden. The current park locations have too many conflicts. Do not put in a place with active use but must have parking and water.

Bob likes the Clarendon Hills proposed locations. Could look at new park location purchased on 5716 Wilmette Avenue.

Grant money – Lowes, Home Depot and Annie's Organic

7. Miscellaneous / Next Meeting

8. Adjourn