Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

April 7, 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	P 6:10 arrival	A. Spencer	P
K. Lombardozzi	P	T. Tieche	P
M. McAuliffe	P 6:25 departure	R. Van Hyfte	A
P. Ristau	P		

   Staff:

L. McIntyre	P	R. Fleck	

   VOTING KEY: A=ABSENT **AB**=ABSTAIN **N**=NO **W**=Withdrawn
   P=PRESENT **Y**=YES **V**=VACATION

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. March 31 Presentations Update
   - Mosquito Abatement

     The EIC commission recommends the Village Board modify the existing contract with Clarke Mosquito's to incorporate the new "Earth Right" technology for 2014 mosquito abatement program..
   - Vote: Ayes: M. Gabryel, K. Lombardozzi, M. McAuliffe, J. Sopak, A. Spencer, P. Ristau, T. Tieehe
   - Nays: None.
   - Absent: G. Gabryel, R. Van Hyfte

- Composting & Community Gardening

  P. Ristau and T. Tieehe volunteered to explore this initiative and liaison with the Westmont Park District

- Food Scrap Composting.
  - The commission decided that additional fact finding would be appropriate before we take this to the next level.
  - The commission would like to target schools, grocery stores and restaurants to provide the greatest waste diversion.
  - Action Items:
    - Larry McIntyre
      - Obtain a rough cost estimate from Waste Management to provide a food composting program to residents and businesses
      - Contact the Westmont Chamber of Commerce to determine the interest level of local businesses in a food composting program.
      - Schedule a joint meeting with Clarendon Hills to work on .joint environmental projects.

5. EIC Mission Statement & Goals

- The commission members agreed that the ordinance referencing the EIC commission sufficiently outlined the commission's directives so there is no need to create an additional mission statement as this time.

  "…the environmental improvement commission will be responsible for developing programs to improve the relationship between village residents and businesses and their local environment. These programs will be enacted on a local level with the intent of the village to do its part to improve the global ecology." (Code 1972, § 2-252; Ord. No. 13-203, § 1, 10-31-2013)

6. Updates / Discussion

a. 2010 Climate Action Plan Update & Metrics
- Will report at the June 9th meeting.

b. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion
- Establish a program to recognize residents and business that take an active role in environmental and recycling initiatives at village board meetings.
  - R. Van Hyfte and G. Gabryel will work on this initiative

c. 2014 Electronics Recycling Program Update

- 2nd Friday of each month in front of the Village Hall 7am – 1pm from May to December
- Action items
    - Publicity signage and banner. L. McIntyre to coordinate
    - Volunteers to greet residents and potentially take surveys. M. Gabryel volunteered for the June, July and August collection.
    - Internship program for EIC – L. McIntyre to explore

d. "Green" Information on Village Website

- M. Gabryel, K. Lombardozzi and L. McIntyre will coordinate types of information to be posted on the village website and explore placing messages on the water bills. .

e. Stormwater Management Initiatives / Rainwater Barrel Program

- Rain Barrel
    - As part of the village budget process was the recommendation to offer the barrels at a reduced rate. On 4/22/14 the village announced a program to sell rain barrels at a 50% discount price of $35 until May 30th.
    - Suggestion that a video or demonstration on installation and people who might be interested in installing. (The 4/22 press release asked residents to send in photographs of their installed rain barrels).
    - Suggestion was also made to move the demonstration rain barrel from the village hall to the electronics recycling event each month for more exposure of the program.
- New Citizens Stormwater Stakeholders Group will be focusing on a stormwater utility feasibility study.

f. Special Recycling & Other Programs - Shredding, Batteries, Light Bulbs, etc.

- Determine what is available in the DuPage community. Suggestion was made to post these on the Westmont village website
- Waste management contract provides for 5 special container for bulbs, batteries and etc. Determine what will be best use within the community.
- Action Item: L. McIntyre to provide the commission with a copy of the Waste Management contract.

g. Grant Writing

- P. Ristau volunteered work on this initiative.

h. Commission Member Assignments

- Assignments noted in the topic notes in these minutes

i. Presence at Community Events - RWBBQ, Street Fair, Taste of Westmont

- It was suggested that Westmont have a village tent that would incorporate various areas of local government to be set up at Westmont events. This

could include meetings with Village Board members, Park District, EIC, Stormwater and etc.

j. Upcoming Events – Attendees

- May 28 - Community Gardening Tour
- June 3-4 - IL Recycling Association conference for the state sustainability issues.
- April 26th Prescription drop off.

k. Earth Flag

- Not considered at this time.

l. Proposed Chicago Plastic Bag Ban

- Future item for EIC consideration

7. Misc. / Action Plans

- A motion was made to recommend to the Mayor to appoint A. Spencer to the role as EIC chairman.
- Vote:
  - Ayes: G. Gabryel, M. Gabryel, K. Lombardozzi, M McAuliffe, J. Sopak, P. Ristau, T. Tieehe
  - Nays: None
  - Abstain – A. Spencer
  - Absent – M. McAuliffe, R. Van Hyfte

- K. Lombardozzi agreed to meet with the village manager to discuss an environmental preferable purchasing program.
- Construction and development waste should be diverted. Leed rating system projects could potentially get preferential treatment in the permit process. K. Lombardozzi and L. McIntyre to meet with the village manger to discuss and to research how Hinsdale, Darien, Oakbrook and Downers Grove handle this.

- Waste characterization study by the village departments to follow up if this is a project the village wants to work on in the near future.

- Suggestion was made to have recycling containers at all municipal government buildings.

- Taste of Westmont will have a new board and the EIC should meet with them to discuss some of our ideas.

- A motion was made to approve the commissions meeting minutes for the meetings held on February 10 and March 31.
- Vote:

- Ayes: M. Gabryel, K. Lombardozzi, J. Sopak, P. Ristau, A. Spencer, T. Tieehe
- Nays: None
- Abstain – G. Gabyrel
- Absent – M. McAuliffe, R. Van Hyfte

- Agenda items for next meeting– Chamber of Commerce update on EIC initiatives, plastic bag ban, composting, diversion of construction materials

8. Adjourn