

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

September 15, 2014, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES - FINAL

1. Call To Order - Chair Aaron Spencer informed Larry McIntyre ahead of time that he would be arriving late, so Larry called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Larry McIntyre, Mary McAuliffe, Tyler Tieche, Glenn Gabryel, Bob Van Hyfte, Jon Sopcak, Aaron Spencer arrived late; Absent: Kim Lombardozzi, Pam Ristau, Mary Gabryel
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Van Hyfte
4. Reports / Updates
 - a. Electronics Recycling Update - McIntyre reported that the Village is now partnering with the township to promote their monthly collection, which is the 3rd Sat. of each month at 318 E. Quincy Street. This program will be year round, therefore the EIC's request to have a January electronics collection has been addressed.
 - b. 2010 Climate Action Plan Update - Glenn, Tyler and Larry will meet on Thur. Spet. 25, 1pm at the Village Hall to coordinate follow through on creating the 2014 Climate Action Plan Report. The goal is to present the report at the Nov. 3 EIC meeting and record the meeting so that the Village Board and the community can hear the presentation and see where things are at.
ACTION ITEM: Glenn, Tyler and Larry will meet on Thur. Spet. 25, 1pm at the Village Hall to work on presentation
 - c. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion - The group discussed final plans regarding this program which will encourage businesses and residents to sign up for the program, share their "green" practices with the community, and potential win prizes. The program will be kicked off to the public on Tuesday, Sept. 16.
ACTION ITEM: Larry will follow through on the launch of this program.
 - d. 2014 Electronics Recycling Program Update - Surveys - It was suggested that maybe Mary and/or Kim would be interested in continuing their surveys and work with the township. If there is interest, they should contact Larry M. to coordinate.
 - e. "Green" Information on Village Website & Community Publicity Campaign - List of Recycling Specifics - There was discussion regarding ways to better inform residents regarding the types of recyclables that are acceptable as well as protocol for rinsing recyclables. It was suggested that maybe a video could be

produced, or maybe there are existing videos that include this information,

- f. EIC Presence at Community Events Update - Street Fair, Taste of Westmont, etc. - Rob and Tyler talked about their experiences of promoting EIC initiatives at the Street Fair. They suggested several things: 1) have a rain barrel on location to draw attention, 2) have additional materials to pass out and talk about, 3) try to have a weekly presence so to achieve maximum effect.

ACTION ITEM: Larry will try to connect Rob and Tyler with Mike Ramsey regarding participation in the Holly Days Parade.

- g. Work with Chamber of Commerce on EIC initiatives and update

ACTION ITEM: Aaron and Bob will meet to work on various business related EIC items.

5. New Items

- a. RAIN BARRELS - Larry let the group know that we will be changing up the way we sell rain barrels and be offering an incentive to include installation, which is provided by the DuPage Conservation Foundation for \$25. A question was raised regarding rain barrel storage during winter months, Larry said he would look into this. Bob asked Larry if additional follow up was needed regarding 2 guests at the Taste of Westmont -

ACTION ITEM: Larry said he would follow up on these items.

- b. WASTE MANAGEMENT QUESTIONS - Larry shared a document with the group containing questions to WM from the EIC with the responses from our WM rep Mike Brink.

- c. HYBRID CARS - Mary M. asked about followup to research she performed regarding the possibility of the Village looking into hybrid car purchase options. Mary has found research that other municipalities are checking into this.

ACTION ITEM: Larry will followup with Village staff to see if there are opportunities to consider this.

6. Misc. / Action Plans

- a. Next meeting is Nov. 3 - plan is to have guest speaker from Waste Management and present the 2014 Climate Action Plan update

7. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Spencer, second by Gabryel, motion approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 7 p.m.