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Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

November 3, 2014, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES – FINAL

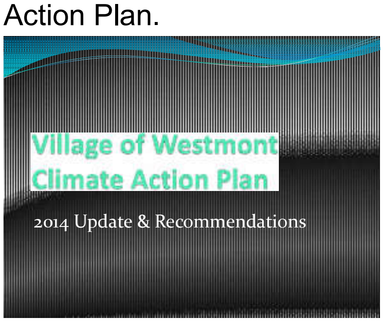
1. Call To Order - Tyler Tieche called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call - In attendance: Mary McAuliffe, Tyler Tieche, Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel Bob Van Hyfte, Jon Sopcak, Kim Lombardozzi, Pam Ristau, Absent: Aaron Spencer Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre, Jon Yeater

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Tyler Tieche

4. Presentation – Waste Management Presented Meghann Maves and Mike Brink. The commission asked for additional information on the volume of recycling over the last few years. Waste Management volunteered to work with the commission on recycling messages for various purposes.

5. Presentation – Climate Action Plan Update Larry McIntrye made the presentation and recognized the efforts of Tyler Tieche and Glenn Gabryel. Kim Lombardozzi suggested setting a goal for accountability within the village departments. Tyler Tieche suggest setting aside time at each future meetings for discuss various sections of the Climate Action Plan.



ACTION ITEM: Larry McIntyre to look into signage and create a handout for the November and December Electronics Recycling collections to highlight recycling cooking oll and holiday lights.

6. Reports / Updates
   a. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion - Only 10 people responded. Question was asked if deadline should be extended. Commission members did not feel an extension was necessary. Kim Lombardozzi suggested making next year's promotion, if it is still held, multi-dimensional by adding a request for metrics not only for waste reduction and recycling but for energy and water conservation as well.
   ACTION ITEM: Larry McIntyre to send out the responses for the review by commission members to select winners.
   b. EIC Presence at Community Events Update – Holly Days – Holly day parade is Saturday, November 29th. Tyler Tieche suggested a banner for one of the parade floats. Glenn Gabryel suggested a handout in the goody bag for the Ugly Sweater 5K race Glenn volunteered to coordinate to Rotary. Mary McAuliffe volunteered to assist Tyler Tieche with getting out the message for the parade. .
   ACTION ITEM: Glenn Gabryel volunteered to coordinate with the Rotary for the 5K race. Mary McAuliffe volunteered to assist Tyler Tieche with the EIC message for the parade.
   c. Misc: Green Product Purchases by local business was brought up by Bob Van Hyfte including a sample carry out food container.
   ACTION ITEM: Bob Van Hyfte, Pam Ristau and Larry McIntyre to meet with Larry Forssberg from the Chamber of Commerce about "green" product purchases for businesses and restaurants.

7. New Items
   a. 2015 EIC Schedule – Pam Ristau suggested the commission meet more frequently than 6 times per year.
   Motion: A motion was made by Glenn Gabryel and second by Bob Van Hyfte-to schedule EIC meeting the first Monday of each month starting January at 6pm with the exception of no meeting in July and the September meeting on September 14. Meeting dates: Jan 5 , Feb 2, March 2, April 6 , May 4, June 1, Aug 3, Sept 14, Oct 5, Nov 2, and Dec 7.
   ACTION ITEM: Larry McIntyre will add these dates to the village 2015 calendar

   b. Sustainable Lifestyle Village Code Considerations
   i. Apiary
   ii. Chickens
   iii. Research & Feedback
   Motion: A motion was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Mary McAuliffe to have the village staff research and suggest language to modify

village codes to allow apiary and chickens (excluding roosters) in the community. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Jon Yeater volunteered to provide experts in the area to help educate the community.

8. Misc. / Action Plans
   Community Garden status - No public sites have been identified.
   ACTION ITEM: Kim Lombardozzi volunteered to contact the West Hills Community Church at 55th and Cass to see if they would be interested in participating.

   Approval Meeting Minutes
   Motion: A motion was made by Kim Lombardozzi to approve the meeting minutes from the August 11 and September 15th meeting. The motion was second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote.

9. Adjourn
   a. Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 8:25 pm.