

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

January 5, 2015, 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 (6:10 arrival), Mary Gabryel, Bob Van Hyfte, Jon Sopcak (6:20 arrival), Kim Lombardozi, Pam Ristau, Absent: Aaron Spencer Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre, Jon Yeater
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Tyler Tieche
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Kim Lombardozi to approve the meeting minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting. The motion was second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote (Glenn Gabryel and Jon Sopcak were not in attendance at the time of the vote.)**
5. Presentation – Clarke Mosquito by Emily Glasberg. In 2014 Westmont used the EarthRight Program for mosquito management. In 2014 the village had 2 adult sprayings. The terms of the 2015-2017 contract was presented to the EIC for consideration.
Motion: A motion was made by to recommend to the Westmont village board the approval of the Clarke Mosquito 2015-2017 contract for an annual cost of \$79,250. The motion was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Kim Lombardozi and unanimously approved by voice vote.
6. Reports / Updates
 - a. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion - Recognition Award Recipients:
 - Uncle Bubs BBQ
 - DJ's Sports Bar and Grill
 - Linda Cise, resident first place winner
 - Resident second place to be determined

Bob Van Hyfte, Pam Ristau, and Larry McIntyre met with Larry Foressberg

(Chamber of Commerce) Larry Foressberg provided some recommendations and specifically focused on awareness. Suggestions included a monthly email blast.

Action Items:

- Commission members need to provide L. McIntyre their vote for second place by noon January 6th.
- Send thank you notes to everyone that entered the contests
- Announce winners with pictures in Neighbors magazine
- Provide recognition at the Community Awards Dinner.

Motion to use EIC 2014-15 fiscal year budget to purchase tickets for the annual community award dinner for the Green Business/Community first place award recipients. Motion was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote.

b. EIC Presence at Community Events Update – Holly Days and Upcoming Events

At the Holly Days parade, Jon Sopcak and his wife distributed approximately 500 flyers.

It was suggested that the EIC develop a calendar with a list of resources and action items as well as coordinate with other village departments to encourage synergy.

Action Item:

- Larry McIntyre to post the above noted calendar on Google Docs
- Make available the sample rain barrel for village events and street fair
- Contact Kay McKeen of Scarce for possible topics for Westmont Street Fairs

c. Misc:

Motion: A motion was made by Kim Lombardozzi, and second by Mary McAuliffe to recommend to the Westmont village board bring back a monthly recycling program at dates and location to be determined. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

7. New Items

a. 2015 Goals and Budget

i. Budget

- a. \$750 Create and produce marketing material (tri-fold)
- b. \$250 Business card size printings - schedules
- c. \$500 Prizes for contests
- d. \$250 Education

- e. \$250 Banners
- f. \$250 Guest speakers
- \$2,250 Total

Motion: A motion was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Mary McAuliffe to recommend a budget for \$2,250 be presented to the Westmont village board for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Action Items:

- Larry McIntyre to work with other village departments to request their budget include costs to video tape 4 EIC meetings and provide space in the Neighborhood Magazine to highlight environmental issues and events.

ii. Goals

- o Rewrite climate action plan
- o Electric aggregation research and recommendation and changes or other options for residents
- o Outreach for current programs
- o Publicity in Neighbors Magazine and other media forms
- o Public education series

Motion: Motion to the Westmont village board to review and re-write the village climate action plan over the 2015 calendar year. The motion was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Bob Van Hyfte and was unanimously approved by voice vote

Action Items:

- Larry McIntyre to create a google document to start a list of topics or speakers. EIC commission is requested to assist in populating the list prior to the February 2nd meeting.

b. 2015 Earth Day Planning

Earth Day is Wednesday, April 22, Arbor Day is Friday April 24 and Water Conservation Day is March 22.

Suggested coordination with other village departments and organizations on Earth Day Events.

- o Jon Yeater, Westmont Forester, currently is planning to distribute

- seedlings for Arbor day and work with one of the local schools
- Shredding event
- Mike Ramsey is planning an event for Water Conservation Day
- Florescent Bulb Recycling (currently in contract with Waste Management)
- Sharps (Needle program, currently in contract with Waste Management)

Action Items:

- Larry McIntyre to contact Kay McKeen of Scarce to get an update on local Earth Day events currently planned
- Mary Gabryel to contact Westmont Library to see if any events are planned.

8. Misc. / Action Plans

- No additional items

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Tieche and second by bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 8:10 pm.