

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

February 2, 2015, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES – FINAL

1. Call To Order – Mary McAuliffe called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Mary McAuliffe, Tyler Tieche (6:10 arrival), Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Bob Van Hyfte (6:12 arrival), Jon Sopcak, Pam Ristau, Absent: Aaron Spencer, Kim Lombardozzi Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Mary McAuliffe
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Pam Ristau to approve the meeting minutes from the January 5, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Glenn Gabryel and unanimously approved by voice vote (Tyler Tieche, Bob Van Hyfte were not in attendance at the time of the vote.)**
5. Reports / Updates
 - a. “Green” Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion -
The Westmont Chamber approved the addition of the “Green” recognition award to the March 25th Westmont community award dinner.
It was suggested that 2 members of the commission be in attendance to present the award. (Bob Van Hyfte indicated he could attend and Pam Ristau and Mary McAuliffe indicated they could attend if necessary)

Motion was made by Glenn Gabryel and second by Tyler Tieche to request approval to the purchase of two tickets for the Westmont community award dinner for EIC commissioners and to purchase 5 awards to present.

Motion was approved by unanimously by voice vote.

Action Items:

- Larry McIntyre to order 5 awards and contact Larry Forssberg to modify the Westmont Chamber of Commerce website to include the “Green” awards

b. EIC Presence at Community Events Update



2015 EIC Events Schedule - PROPOSED.pdf

The above document contains a list of events discussed at the meeting. Participation at several of the events will require payment of a fee and use of village resources (computer, tables and etc) and will require coordination.

Action Items:

At the March 2nd EIC meeting, be prepared to sign up to lead or assist at one or more events.

c. 2015 Goals and Budget

Goals were discussed and need to be clarified and prioritized at future meetings.

d. New Climate Action Plan

Action Items:

- **Larry to follow up with Steve May on interest if an update/ of the plan is something the EIC commission should address**
- **Asking commission members to volunteer to participate in a sub-group to work on an update of the climate action plan.**

e. Community Awards Banquet

Please refer to 5 a. above.

f. Guest Speakers Schedule

Please refer to the attached file for a draft listing of ideas for future guest speakers



2015 EIC Goals-Ideas-Guest Speaker Topic Suggestions.pdf

When possible, the EIC commission would like the presentations taped so they are available to the residents. It was suggested to have 2 speakers at taped meetings to save on costs of taping the presentations.

Action Items:

- **Using the document in Google Docs, please add ideas for additional speakers and rank speaker ideas**
- **Mary McAuliffe to contact EPA about potential presentations**

- **Glenn Gabryel to contact Morton Arboretum and Argonne National Labs about potential speakers and topics**
- **Pam Ristau to contact Kay McKeen of Scarce about potential topics and speakers and to look into a speaker for GMO**
- **Bob Van Hyfte to contact Willowbrook Wilderness about potential topics and speakers**
- **Mary Gabryel to check with Conservation Foundation on the river sweep**
- **Larry McIntrye to contact Joy Hinz to identify speakers**

g. 2015 Earth Month Update

The document below, contains a listing of planned events for Earth Month.



EIC Copy of 2015 Earth Month Events.pdf

Action Items:

EIC commission members presence or participation at the events.

6. Misc. / Action Plans

a. Next water bill cycle – At prior meetings it was suggested to add environmental messages to the water bills. This has been implemented with the February water bills. Unclear if the message will be seen by residents that receive their bill on line.

b. Sharps on going at Westmont Police department

c. Community Gardens

Action Item - TylerTieche to follow up with Downers Grove if they have extra capacity for Westmont to send residents to them if there is an interest in community gardens. Larry follow up if an intergovernmental is necessary if we promote this option.

d. Other recycling event to divert other material.

Action Item: Larry McIntrye to research ability to host recycling events for other types of material. These materials could include metals, construction materials and etc.

Motion: A motion was made by Mary Gabryel and second by Glenn Gabryel to recommend to the village board hosting a recycling event to collect selected materials not covered by existing monthly programs available to residents.

It was suggested to start the holiday light recycling program in late November versus late December to allow residents to dispose of non-working lights during installation versus when putting decorations away. Also commission members thought additional on-site signage would be beneficial to locate the recycling container.

Action Item: Larry McIntrye to inquire as to what materials are recovered from the holiday light recycling program.

-Implement suggestions noted above.

-Larry McIntrye to follow up on a hearsay that Downers Grove pays residents to bring in electronics recycling materials

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Gabryel and second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 7:34 pm.