

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

March 2, 2015, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES – FINAL

1. Call To Order – Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Mary McAuliffe, Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozzi Bob Van Hyfte, and Pam Ristau, Absent: Aaron Spencer, Tyler Tieche, Jon Sopcak Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Kim Lombardozzi
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Mary McAuliffe to approve the meeting minutes from the February 2, 2015 meeting with a revision of the date of the approval of the January 2, 2015 meeting minutes from January 2, 2014 to January 2, 2015. The motion was second by Bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote.**
5. Stormwater-Infrastructure Referendum Information
 - Larry McIntyre gave an overview presentation on the referendum which is on the April 7th ballot.. This presentation was the same presentation provided at public meetings scheduled for the residents.
6. Reports / Updates
 - a. "Green" Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion -
 - Plaques to be ordered
 - 3 category awards for first place Linda Cise, Uncle Bubs and DJ's
 - Kim Lombardozzi suggested a plaque that was environmentally focused and showed an on-line sample.

Action Item:

- Larry McIntyre to contact Waste Management and order plaques.
- Kim Lombardozzi to provide Larry McIntyre with website and estimated costs of environmental plaques.

- b. EIC Presence at Community Events Update
 - May 9th - Mary Gabryel volunteered for the florescent bulb and paper shredding event. Mary McAuliffe volunteered to assist after 11 am.
 - The commission suggested focusing on the street fairs versus presence at other Westmont events to provide residents with environmental information and presentations. These may include worm composting, rain barrels, etc.
- c. 2015 Goals and Budget
 - No update at this time
- d. New Climate Action Plan
 - Larry McIntyre spoke to mayor and village manager and they are in favor of updating the climate action plan. The commission will wait until 2015-16 budget is approved before proceeding with the plan update. This item will be added to the June meeting agenda.
- e. Community Awards Banquet
 - March 25th. See above for more details
- f. Guest Speakers Schedule

The commissions updated the schedule during the meeting. Please refer to the attached document for details. 30 minute presentations for a maximum of 1 hour for the scheduled meetings

 - June 2015
 - o Beekeeping and related village guidelines
 - o Genetically modified foods and potential health concerns
 - August 2015
 - o Scarce (topic TBD)
 - o Prairie Godmothers (topic TBD)
 - October 2015
 - o Morton Arboretum
 - o Willowbrook Wildlife Center

See attached documents for additional details



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Goals-Ideas-Guest Speaker Topic Suggestions (1).xlsx

g. 2015 Earth Month Update

- 3/28 Sat Conservation at Home hosted by Westmont Library
- 4/22 Wed Earth Day / Earth Month Kickoff
- 4/24 Fri Arbor Day event Hosted by Miller School
- 5/2 Sat How to Save Money with Energy Efficiency hosted by Westmont Library
- 5/9 Sat Special Olympics paper shredding and florescent light recycling hosted by the Westmont police department
- 5/16 Sat Water Conservation and Water Shed hosted by Westmont Library
- 5/16 Sat Downers Grove Township electronics recycling

See the attached file for details



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2015 Earth Month Events.xlsx

7. Misc. / Action Plans

- Explore virtual meetings
- Holiday lights collected for recycling were 100% recycled. Approximately 852 pounds were devirted from the landfills and the village is anticipating receiving \$68.16 from the vendor
- Electronics recycling event to be funding by the county
- Bob Van Hyfte, and Pam Ristau discussed progress on recycling food takeout containers

Action item:

- **Larry McIntrye to write-up a promotion of the Downers Grove Mar-Duke Farm for residents interested in community gardens. Registration starts March 7th**
- **The Westmont website should be updated to move tree and holiday light recycling to the bottom of the webpage**

8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Van Hyfte and second by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 8:05 pm.