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Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

April 6, 2015, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES – FINAL

1. Call To Order – Aaron Spencer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Mary McAuliffe, Glenn Gabryel (arrived at 6:15), Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozi, Aaron Spencer, Tyler Tieche, and Jon Sopcak. Absent: Bob Van Hyfte and Pam Ristau Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Aaron Spencer
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Aaron Spencer to approve the meeting minutes from the March 2, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Kim Lombardozi and unanimously approved by voice vote. (Glenn Gabryel not in attendance at the time of the vote)**
5. Reports / Updates
 - a. “Green” Business Recognition Program & Community Recycling Promotion -
 - Aaron Spencer presented the “Green Awards” at the March 25 dinner.
 - b. EIC Presence at Community Events Update
 - The commission agreed with attendance at 3 street fairs and Taste of Westmont
 - c. 2015 Goals and Budget
 - To be updated at the May meeting
 - d. New Climate Action Plan
 - Tentative launch in June
 - e. Community Awards Banquet
 - Please see above
 - f. Guest Speakers Schedule
 - The commission updated the schedule to the following for 30 minute

presentations.

- August 2015
 - o Scarce (topic TBD) (Larry McIntyre)
 - o Prairie Godmothers (topic TBD) (Mary Gabryel)
- September 2015
 - o Beekeeping and related village guidelines (Larry McIntyre)
 - o Genetically modified foods and potential health concerns (Pam Ristau)
- October 2015
 - o Morton Arboretum (Glenn Gabryel)
 - o Willowbrook Wildlife Center (Larry McIntyre)

Action Item: Assigned individuals noted above should start scheduling speakers and report back at the May meeting.

Potential back up speaker to consider is The Conservation Foundation

g. 2015 Earth Month Update

No major to planned events from last meeting.

- May 9th paper shredding and fluorescent bulb recycling event hosted by the Westmont Police Department. Members of the commission have volunteered to assist at the event to handle the fluorescent bulbs.

Action Item: Larry McIntyre will follow up with Waste Management on handling / education for the of fluorescent bulb recycling

Larry McIntyre will clarify in the press release any limits on volume or broken bulbs.

- April 22nd Tree seedling sponsored by the Westmont Public Works Department

Action Item: Add to the sign up form for seedlings a question to ask in the individual would like to receive future emails regarding environmental programs.

Kim Lombardozzi, will coordinate with Larry McIntyre to create a handout / flyer for earth day events

The commission discussed gaining community awareness of the trees in the village in light of the removal of the ash trees and the replacement trees.

Motion: Recommendation to the village to investigate and get village support in the downtown area for tree advocacy and awareness. The motion was made by Glenn Gabryel and second by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote.

6. Misc. / Action Plans

Aaron Spence volunteered to follow up with Don Ungerleider of Clarendon Hills about the joint community garden.

Glenn Gabryel contacted the Westmont park district about planting of milk weed to provide habitat for monarch butterflies. The park district advised that they planted and manage acres of natural area, prairies and wetlands across the community since 1998 from Muddy Waters Park to Ty Warner Park. Milkweed is growing in these areas. This is all part of Westmont's commitment to open space, natural areas and as stewards of parks and open space in Westmont. These areas will remain in perpetuity.

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Aaron Spencer and second by Kim Lombardozi and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned by 7:15 pm.