

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

August 18, 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 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance:, Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozzi, Tyler Tieche, Jon Sopcak, Bob Van Hyfte and Pam Ristau (arrived at 6:12pm) Absent:, Mary McAuliffe and Aaron Spencer Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Tyler Tieche
4. Presentation by Scarce.Org

Erin Kennedy made a presentation about the programs Scarce is sponsoring or is coordinating in DuPage including disposal of cooking oils, medicines, recycling events, pumpkin composting and etc. This year Scarce celebrates 25 years working in the community.

Also highlighted was the DuPage Hazardous Waste collection location and types of materials collected. Drop off location is 156 Fort Hill Drive in Naperville. Hours Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 2 pm.

Frequent request from Du Page residents is locations for document shredding.

Action Needed:

Follow up with the fire department if Westmont will host a cooking oil drop off location on Saturday, November 28th.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Glenn Gabryel to approve the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote.**

6. Reports / Updates

a. EIC Presence at Community Events Update

- June 4 Westmont Street Fair presented Scarce and EIC. Pam Ristau took the lead on coordinating this event and worked the booth with Tyler Tieche. EIC had one table, two representatives from Scarce brought along their small worm composting exhibit (essentially a cooler with worms and corresponding soil inside) as well as several brochures for distribution.
- July 10-12 Taste of Westmont
 - o The EIC focused on the rain barrel, and water conservation and vermicomposting. Various members of the commission worked the booth. On Friday night, the booth also had representatives from Scarce with an exhibit.
- Idea for a future car show, environmental focus on cars and fuel.
- Purchase banners, canopy and table for EIC events Suggest purchased items be environmental friendly materials

Action Items:

- **Larry McIntyre to contact dealers to get cars for Thursday, August 27th car show**
- **Holiday Days - Promote environmental events at the parade using a hand out. John Sopcak to provide sample from last year.**
- **Create an EIC Logo for branding – Some ideas suggested included the W wrapped in the recycling logo and changing from red to green. Send Larry McIntyre additional ideas**

b. 2015 Goals and Budget

- EIC budget approved for \$2,750. If Westmont does not get funds from the state the EIC budget will only be \$500. The EIC budget is in limbo until the state advises of final funding to the village.
- **Motion:**
The EIC would research and request approval to purchase a banner, table, and tent canopy to use at Westmont Events to help in the promotion of environmental events and activities. The

motion was made by Kim Lombardozzi, second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote.

- **Action Item:**
- **Pam Ristau and Kim Lombardozzi would research the banner and canopy and Tyler Tieche to research table.**
- A draft of the 2016 goals would be prepared at the November meeting and finalize at the December meeting.

c. New Climate Action Plan

- Larry McIntyre to plan a meeting with the village manager, Steve May, Glenn Gabryel, Bob Van Hyfte, Tyler Tieche and Mary McAuliffe,

d. Guest Speakers Schedule

The commission updated the schedule to the following for 30 minute presentations.

- September 14, 2015
 - o Beekeeping and related village guidelines. Speaker Sean Patrick Curry, Oak Brook Hills Resort Chef (Larry McIntyre)
 - o Cool DuPage, the newest DuPage green initiative program. The focus of the initiative is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increasing energy efficiency. As such we will be providing information on grants, partner programs and resources Speaker Andi Dierich, DuPage County Environmental Coordinator. (Mary McAuliffe)
- October 5, 2015
 - o Morton Arboretum – State of the Urban Forest – Westmont. Speaker Beth Corrigan, Community Tree Program Specialist (Glenn Gabryel)
 - o Genetically modified foods and potential health concerns will be presented at the Westmont Library on October 5th

Action Item:

- **Investigate partnering with the Westmont Library for a meeting with the GMO speaker, perhaps holding EIC meeting at the library on October 5th.**
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- **Individuals noted above need to coordinate and confirm speakers.**

Larry McIntyre will need to coordinate with the village IT department to tape presentations.

Tyler Tieche researching a speaker on LED lights for a 2016 guest speaker.

7. New Business

a. Review County Proposal Regarding Mosquito Abatement.

Motion:

EIC recommends the Village of Westmont support the county initiative on the Mosquito Abatement Program as long as the program costs to the Village does not exceed current cost levels and continue the Earthright or environmentally friendly program. The motion was made by Mary Gabryel, second by Kim Lombardoizzi unanimously approved by voice vote.

b. Pumpkin Composting Program

Mary Gabryel reached out to The Farm located at 34 E 63rd Street (Cass and 63rd) to host pumpkin composting. The Farm will transport the materials to their farm located in Kendall County. The Farm is an EPA approved farm composting facility. Thanks to the Smits Family

Event Info:

- No inorganic matter (candles and lighting devices)
- Hours Monday November 2 thru Friday November 6th 10 am to 4 pm.
Saturday November 7th 9 am to 3 pm.
- The commission brain stormed ideas to promote this event including a pumpkin smashing event.
- **Action Item:**
Development a handout and/or other promotional material for the event. Ideas for logo included a pumpkin with a recycle logo. Promo materials would be used at 3-4 village Halloween events.

c. Work to promote and provide more recycling containers at Westmont Events.
Possible Haunted tour and Halloween business

d. League of Woman Voters in hosting an event on September 25 and 26th
focusing on climate action plan and storm water

8. Misc. / Action Plans

- Next meeting Monday September 14th

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Tyler Tieche and second by Kim Lombardozzi and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.