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Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

September 14, 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 6:10 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Glenn Gabryel (arrived at 6:19), Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe and Pam Ristau (arrived at 6:12pm) Absent: Tyler Tieche, Jon Sopcak, Bob Van Hyfte and Aaron Spencer Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Kim Lombardozzi
4. “Green” and Beekeeping Program Presentation from Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort/ Misc.
Sean Curry, the Executive Chef at Oak Brook Hills Resort, made a presentation on the bee colonies established at the resort this year. His presentation included bees and portion of the hive that contained the honey comb. So far the hives have generated 250 pounds of honey. The resort is featuring deserts and drinks made with the honey.
5. Cool DuPage Presentation
Andi Dierich, Environmental Coordinator DuPage County, gave a presentation of the goal of Cool DuPage and an overview of various initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increasing energy efficiency. Andi also provided information on grants, partner programs and resources available to the village and residents.
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Kim Lombardozzi to approve the meeting minutes from the August 18, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote.**
7. Reports / Updates
 - a. EIC Presence at Community Events Update
 - Pumpkin smashing event at the Chamber of Commerce Trick and Treat walk in downtown Westmont on October 24th.

- Holiday Days November 28th

Action Item:

Kim Lombardozi and Larry McIntyre to collaborate on a flyer to promote pumpkin composting, cooking oil and holiday light recycling.

Mary Gabryel to get church contacts to promote environmental related events. The contacts would receive pdf files or copies of village press releases.

EIC Banner for community events

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.
- Work with the Westmont Library to create synergy in educating the community on environmental topics.
- **Action Item:**
Draft 2016 goals at the November meeting and finalize at the December meeting.

c. New Climate Action Plan

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

Investigate Cool DuPage opportunities

d. Guest Speakers Schedule

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

- 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 (GMO) and potential health concerns will be presented at the Westmont Library on October 5. The EIC will

attend the presentation as part of the monthly meeting.

Action Item:

- **Individuals noted above need to coordinate and confirm speakers.**
- **Larry McIntyre will coordinate with the taping the presentation by the Morton Arboretum representative**

e. Pumpkin Composting Program

- The Farm located at 34 E 63rd Street (Cass and 63rd) agreed 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.

8. New Business

- Cooking oil recycling November 28th 9 – 12 at the south fire house
- Holiday light recycling November 16th – January 31st at the south firehouse
- Promotion of environmental events

Motion: The Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission recommends the village promote cooking oil, holiday lights and pumpkin and Christmas tree recycling/composting. The motion was made by Pam Ristau and second by Kim Lombardozzi. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

- Aaron Spencer submitted his resignation. The commission thanks Aaron for his contributions.
- **Action Item:**
- **Any commission member interested in taking on lead role should let Larry McIntyre know.**
- **Submit to Larry McIntyre names of any individuals that might be interested in joining the commission.**

9. Misc. / Action Plans

- Next meeting Monday October 5th

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary McAuliffe, seconded by Kim Lombardozzi and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8: 16pm.



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