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Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

October 5, 2015, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

MINUTES – FINAL

1. Call To Order Pam Ristau called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozzi (arrived at 5:45), Mary McAuliffe, Pam Ristau, Jon Sopcak, and Bob Van Hyfte. Absent: Tyler Tieche. Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Pam Ristau.
4. Presentation by Morton Arboretum.
Beth Corrigan, Community Trees Program Specialist at the Morton Arboretum made a presentation on "The Impact of Urban Forestry in Westmont". Her presentation highlighted need to expand tree diversity which the Westmont Forester, Jon Yeater has incorporated in the tree replacement program. The presentation also focused on the benefits of trees to the community and the environment of Urban Forestry in Westmont .
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes - **Motion: A motion was made by Jon Sopcak to approve the meeting minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Bob Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote.**
6. Reports / Updates
 - a. EIC Presence at Community Events Update
 - Pumpkin Composting Promotion
 - o Presence at Trick and Treat Walk and Pumpkin Smashing event 10:15 – 1:15 Jon Sopcak will represent the EIC
 - o Presence at Haunted Trail (10/24) and Halloween Fun Fair (10/31) sponsored by the Westmont Park district. Mary Gabryel will represent EIC

Motion was made to have a banner created for promote pumpkin composting and cooking oil recycling not to exceed \$125. Mary Gabryel made the motion and Mary McAuliffe seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Action Item:

Larry McIntyre to make arrangements to have the pumpkin composting banner moved to the park district events on 10/24 and 10/31.

b. 2015 Goals and Budget

- EIC budget was approved for \$2,750, however this budget is in limbo until the state advises of final funding to the village. Larry McIntyre is under the assumption that the commission can spend ½ of the \$2,750 budget at this time.
- The Village has extra pages in the Neighbors magazine that the EIC may make use of to promote events.
- Work with the Westmont Library to create synergy in educating the community on environmental topics.
- **Action Item:**
- **Submit ideas to Larry McIntyre for ideas for the Neighbors magazine by November 1st.**
- **Draft 2016 goals and potential speakers at the November meeting and finalize at the December meeting.**

c. New Climate Action Plan

Kim. Lombardozzi, Larry McIntyre and Bob Van Hyfte met to discuss. Minutes to this meeting were distributed to the group. Village Manager Steve May after the meeting approved moving forward.

- **Action Items:**

Bob Van Hyfte and Glenn Gabryel plan to attend the Chicago Climate Action Plan meeting at the Field Museum on Oct 30th

Cool DuPage – Mary McAuliffe to follow up on getting their support in updating the Climate Action Plan

d. Guest Speakers Schedule

Action Item:

- **Prepare to present speaker ideas for the November 2nd meeting.**

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.
- See above for any additional information

7. New Business

- **Jon Sopcak is resigning at the end of the year, which leaves 2 open positions on the commission.**
- **Pam Ristau to contact Erin Kennedy about interest in EIC**
- **Members interested in the role as chairperson, please send to Larry McIntyre, Steve May and/or Mayor Gunther.**

8. Misc. / Action Plans

- Next meeting Monday November 2nd at the Westmont Public Library

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Van Hyfte seconded by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.



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