

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

September 12, 2016, 6:00 PM

Westmont Public Library, 428 N Cass Ave, Westmont, IL 60559

Meeting Minutes - Final

1. Call To Order

Mary Gabryel called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Mary McAuliffe, Brittany Smith and Tyler Tieche. Absent: Erin Kennedy, Kim Lombardozzi, Pam Ristau and Bob Van Hyfte. Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre, Jon Yeater (Public Works).

It was announced that Pam Ristau would be resigning from the EIC.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led By Mary Gabryel

4. Consent Agenda

Mary Gabryel addressed the commission on this agenda item

- a. August 1 meeting minutes
- b. August 8 special meeting minutes
- c. August 22 special meeting minutes
- d. August 27 DCECC Coalition Report

Motion was made by Mary McAuliffe to approve the consent agenda. The motion was second by Brittany Smith and unanimously approved by voice vote.

5. Reports

a. Richmond Education Garden/Apiary Project

- Program update

- Larry McIntyre attended a meeting with Clarendon Hills to review updates and receive current drafts of the design which were shared with the commission
- Expect a new draft plan later in September
- Funds raised in Westmont fund raising events should be directed

to the not for profit organization Clarendon Hills Park Foundation.
The contact is Mary Williams.

- October 10 fundraiser at Chipotle
 - 4pm to 8pm
 - Present the flyer or mention the event at the cashier so that 50% of the proceeds go to Richmond Garden
- Additional food and restaurant fundraisers
 - Discussion include other smaller fundraisers similar to Chipotle with a larger event at the Oak Brook Hills Hilton
- Other fundraising ideas
 - Tyler Tieche inquired about business sponsorships
 - Brick purchase with donors name
 - Create a video on the garden to use for marketing

Action items:

- **Jon Yeater to reach out the Westmont Park District to inquire about the brick program they had for Ty Warner Park including vendor and how the process worked**

b. Climate Action Plan

- Letter send out list to local public agencies to gather information about their energy saving efforts
- Inquiry to Waste Management on pay as you go, food composting, collection numbers and etc.

Action Items:

- **Mary McAuliffe to report on call with Waste Management**
- **Next meeting TBD**
- **Sept 26 Branding Workshop would like EIC participation**

c.. Presence at Community Events

- August 25 Street Fair Recap
 - Tyler Tieche, Erin Kennedy, Pam Ristau and Bob Van Hyfte represented EIC and had handouts about future events, Cool DuPage magnets and native garden seeds
 - Mixed responses about EIC presences at future street fairs

- October 22 Trick or Treat Trail – Pumpkin Smashing Contest
 - Larry McIntyre will coordinating the community organization participation in the contest
 - Judging criteria include accuracy, style, decoration and splatter

Action Items:

- **Need 2-3 EIC volunteers to assist with coordination day of the event. Tyler Tieche volunteered.**
- **Mary Gabryel to follow up if pumpkin composting signage from last year is available. If not, need new signage but note the date the first Saturday in November so reprinting each year is not necessary**
- **Contact Richmond Education Garden Group if they would like to have a table at the Trick or Treat Trail for promotion**

- d. September 19 Argonne Panel Presentation and Westmont First Joint Meeting
Glenn Gabryel noted one of the speakers will not attend but arranged for a replacement

Action Items:

- **Signage at village Hall entrance (Glenn Gabryel and Larry McIntyre)**
- **Promotion of the event on the electronic signage at library and fire station (Larry McIntyre)**

- f. ComEd Smart Meter Program

- Mary McAuliffe brought to the commissions concerns other communities have on the installation of smart meters and the potential radiation. Currently Burr Ridge and Lake Forest have passed ordinances to allow residents to opt out. The opt out fee is approximately \$22 per month. Currently Hinsdale is also looking into this.
- The commission suggested a summary of the issue be sent to the Westmont administrative staff.

Action items:

- **Mary McAuliffe to provide Larry McIntyre a write-up for distribution to the appropriate members of village staff and/or village board.**
- **Larry to contact Mike Ramsey about status of installation.**

6. Old Business

No items at this time

7. New Business

- Community recycling containers analysis
 - Trustee Harold Barry asked the EIC to explore having more recycling containers on Cass and community events
 - EIC suggest that the first block of Cass next to the tracks and train station as a test areas
- Polystyrene/Food container analysis
Bob Van Hyfte plans to reach out to Westmont Special Events to suggest encouraging vendors to use more environmentally food containers at events
- Westmont September 26 branding workshop.
Larry McIntyre would like part participation by EIC

8. Misc. / Action Plans

- Next meeting Monday August 19, a joint meeting with Westmont First
- Future speakers and presenters for December – February with the library need to be finalized and presented to Brittany Smith by September 26th. The next library deadline is mid-January.

Action Items:

Jon Yeater to reach out to the Conservation Foundation for a February presentation on native plants

EIC commissioners for the October meeting to suggest speaker ideas for spring 2017.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary McAuliffe and second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

DuPage Environmental Commission and Committees (DECC) Coalition

August 27, 2016 Meeting Report

Westmont Attendees: Kim Lombardozzi and Mary Gabryel

DECC Mission Statement

To collaborate with other member Environmental Commissions & Committees of DuPage County in order to pool our resources, inspiration, and expertise as well as to comprehensively further our individual Commission & Committee goals.

DECC Vision Statement

We envision a DuPage County that is resilient and secure through the attainment of economic, environmental, and social sustainability.

The first goal of the DECC will be to help facilitate the creation of Environmental Commissions in all remaining DuPage municipalities. Only seventeen out of thirty eight DuPage municipalities have an Environmental Commission set up.

In order to meet our needs without compromising the needs of future generations, we need to accept that the needs of the **economy**, the **environment**, and **society** must be balanced.

Andi Dierich distributed a Green Business Guide Application. Businesses that submit the application will be included in the Green Business Guide. Getting more information

Originally DECC was going to meet twice a year but this may move to quarterly.

Kay McKeen passed out DuPage Water Commission post card asking residents to test their toilet tanks for leaks. Save Water and Save Money!

Another hand-out idea for us.

DuPage County has a new online Recycling Guide: www.dupageco.org/OnlineRecyclingGuide/

What other village are doing?

- Lombard – composting

- Glenn Ellyn - composting

- Hanover Park – Apiary Way Station for Monarchs

- Several Village EIC committees have Facebook pages and separate websites