



Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

January 4, 2016

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 6:02 p.m.
2. Roll Call
In attendance: Barbara Alvarez, Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Erin Kennedy, Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe, Pam Ristau (arrived 6:05), Tyler Tieche and Bob Van Hyfte. Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre and Jon Yeater (Public Works).
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Kim Lombardozzi.
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Motion: A motion was made by Glenn Gabryel to approve the meeting minutes from the December 7, 2015 meeting. The motion was second by Mary McAuliffe.
Ayes: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Tyler Tieche and Bob Van Hyfte.
Nays: None
Abstain: Erin Kennedy and Barbara Alvarez
Absent: Pam Ristau
5. Introduction of New Commissioners
On December 10, the Westmont Village Board appointed Barbara Alvarez and Erin Kennedy to the EIC.
6. Reports / Updates
 - a. EIC Presence at Community Events Update
No immediate events. For future events we need to check EIC availability to attend/participate.

b. 2016 Goals & Budget Update

Discussed items to be considered for the balance of the 2015-2016 fiscal year. These include table cover, table, canopy, name tags, business cards, and handout for Non-GMO speaker presentation.

Mary McAuliffe made a motion to spend no more than \$150 for name tags and business cards. Tyler second voice vote approval.

Expenditures for consideration in the 2016-17 fiscal year budget

- Seminars
- Promotion Materials
- Awards for Contests
- Recycling Events

c. New Climate Action Plan Update Sub-Group Meeting Jan. 14

- Meeting will be held at 6pm at the Village Hall
- Data collected and prior CAP reports can be found in Google Docs
- **Action Items:**
 - **Mary Gabryel to post in summary of data collected from the pumpkin composting, rain barrel sale and holiday light collected over the last few years**
 - **Mary McAuliffe to contact Andrea Dierich (Cool DuPage) if she is able to attend in person or via a conference call**

d. Guest Speakers Schedule Update Publicity Plan

- Formal announcement on Thursday Jan 7th at village board meeting.
- Barbara Alvarez volunteered to put a short webcast on the EIC commission and Mary McAuliffe on Lead in the Home.

Action Item

- **Larry to issue Press Release week of January 11th.**

e. Arbor Day Contest Update & Earth Month Events

- Speakers to present at the Westmont Public Library

March 2, 2016, Wednesday, 7:00pm

Speaker: Seth Crackel, General Manager – Western Territory
PIZZO & ASSOC., LTD.

Presentation Title: Understanding Native Plants in Residential Settings

April 4, 2016, 6:00pm
Speaker: Mary T. McAuliffe
Presentation Title: Are there Lead Hazards in My Home?

April 4, 2016, Monday, 6:45pm
Speaker: Elliott Wall and Kelly Sibert, Elliott & Associates
Presentation Title: Radon's Indecent Exposure

April 11, 2015, Monday, 7:00pm
Speaker: Victor Zaderej, Manager of Advanced Development for Molex's
Solid State Lighting Group
Presentation Title: Sustainable Homes and Year-Round Indoor Gardening

April 12, 2016, Tuesday, 7:00pm
Speaker: Lauren T. Blissard, Principal - LTLB enviroecture
Presentation Title: What is a green home?

May 2, 2016, Monday
Speaker: Amy Cox CHC, AADP
Presentation Title: Non GMO

April 22, 2016, Friday 3pm - 7pm
2016 Westmont Arbor Day FREE Seedling Giveaway, Westmont Public
Library

- Arbor Day Art / Essay Contest

Contest Timeline

- Thursday, January 7 - Announce contest at Village Board meeting/Submissions to be received immediately
- Friday, March 11 - Submissions deadline
- Monday, March 21 - Results announced and press release published
- Thursday, March 31 - Awards presented at Village Board Meeting
- April - Contest winning projects on display at Westmont Library

Action Items:

- **Pam Ristau to provide Presentation Title and write-up for Non-GMO speaker's presentation**
- **Barbara Alvarez to confirm if Non-GMO presentation can be included in the spring library newsletter**
- **Barbara Alvarez to check if library can host an open house and display contest winners entries**
- **Erin Kennedy to provide contact at New Life**

Motion:

Glenn Gabryel made a motion that the funds not to exceed \$100 purchase Non-GMO plants for the May 2nd Non-GMO presentation. The motion was second by Pam Ristau and unanimously approved by voice vote.

f. 2016 River Sweep Update May 21, 2016

River Sweep is being hosted by The Conservation Foundation with Steve Nero (Village Trustee) and Jon Yeater coordinating.

Action Item:

- **Larry McIntyre to create an on-line sign up for volunteers**

g. Cool DuPage Update

- Andrea Dierich provided additional information that has been distributed to the commissioners by Mary McAuliffe.
- The resolution recommended by the EIC at the December meeting will be reviewed by the Village Administration Committee at the January 7 the meeting. Their recommendation of the resolution will be presented to the Village Board.

Action Item:

- **Larry McIntyre to follow up with the Village Admin Committee.**

h. Coal Tar Village Wide Ban Update

- Information passed on to village staff. Mike Ramsey indicated it will be added to future RFP's.

Glenn Gabryel suggested that information be presented to the public even if no ordinance is updated.

Action Item:

- **Larry McIntyre reached out to the village staff if Coal Tar ban should be part of a future ordinance for residents and businesses. Should get responses in 30 days.**

i. Westmont Strategic Plan Update

- The draft strategic plan includes the following goal:
“Honor the natural environment and encourage green initiatives and sustainable building practices in accord with Environmental Improvement Commission recommendations.”

j. Electronics Recycling Update

- Village asked the EIC to explore options for electronics recycling in addition to the curbside pick-up option.

Action Item:

Larry McIntyre to contact Waste Management to inquire how the drivers handle electronics left in the trash for pick-up.

k. Holiday Lights Recycling Update

Prior to Christmas 1 container of lights was picked up. Collection continues until the end of January. Hope to have collection results to present at the March

l. Community Garden/Beekeeping Initiative with Clarendon Hills

Clarendon interested in restarting community garden/beekeeping.

May need ordinance and inter-governmental agreement

Pam Ristau and Erin Kennedy volunteered to meet with Clarendon Hills staff

Action Item:

- **Larry McIntyre to schedule joint meeting**

7. Old Business

- Downers Grove now has a permanent cooking oil recycling. Westmont only had 7 individuals drop off approximately

Action Item:

- **Kim Lombardozi to contact Downers Grove about promoting cooking oil recycling**

8. New Business

- DuPage Environmental Summit on Thursday January 21st 7:30-noon at NIU Naperville Campus sponsored by the Conservation Foundation. This is a free event.

Action Items:

- **Mary Gabryel to forward information to commission**
- **Pam Ristau to contact Larry McIntyre and set up Sign Up Genius for use by the commission**

9. Misc. / Action Plans

- Dinner with the Mayor and Village Manager. Tentative date Feb 11th 6pm.

Action Item:

- **Larry McIntyre to confirm date.**
- At the January 7th Village Board meeting certificates of appreciation from the EIC will be presented to Fire Department, Maercker Ecology Group, The Farm, Jon Sopcak and Aaron Spencer
- A response was received for a posted position of intern to assist the EIC. Follow up if position is a volunteer versus intern and candidate to be interviewed in the next few days.
- Suggestion was made to have a social event at a local business in the spring

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary McAuliffe seconded by Bob Van Hyfte. and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.