

## Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

February 1, 2016

6:00 PM Westmont Village Hall - Second Floor

31 W. Quincy Street, Westmont, Illinois 60559

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### MINUTES – Final

1. Call To Order - Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
2. Roll Call - In attendance: Barbara Alvarez, Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Erin Kennedy (arrived at 6:19), Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe. Absent: Pam Pistau 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 Mary McAuliffe to approve the meeting minutes from the January 4, 2016 meeting. The motion was second by Barbara Alvarez and unanimously approved by voice vote.**
5. Presentation
  - Sustain DuPage
    - o Andrew VanGorp was the presenter
    - o Symposium of DuPage Environmental Commissions on Saturday March 12 at NIU Naperville campus. 2 representatives from each commissions. Each commission are being asked to make a 5 minute presentation on successes, changes and 5 year plans. Symposium will be broadcast live for other interested parties and available on YouTube.
    - o Will create a data base of environmental commissions and hope to pool resources and replicate other successes.
  - Clark Mosquito
    - o Presenter Emily Glasberg
    - o Provided an update on Westmont's mosquito programs

#### Action Item:

**Larry McIntyre to provide the commission with materials supplied by Clarke Mosquito.**

**Emily Glasberg to provide locations of mosquito traps.**

6. Reports / Updates

a. EIC Presence at Community Events Update

- Westmont First Committee will be working with the Conservation Foundation to promote and follow through on a storm drain stenciling initiative. As this is a theme that crosses over into EIC interests.

- **Action Item:**

**Next meeting schedule events for street fairs and identify volunteers and topics**

b. 2016-17 Budget Update

- Proposed Budget

750	Special Recycling Events
250	Promotional Materials
500	Prizes for contests
250	Education
250	Banners
250	Guest Speakers

2,250 Total Budget

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Mary Gabryel and second by Tyler Tieche to recommend a budget for \$2,250 be presented to the Westmont finance department for inclusion in the upcoming fiscal year budget. The motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

c. New Climate Action Plan (“CAP”) Update

- Mary McAuliffe and Tyler Tieche are co-chairpersons of this subcommittee  
Glenn Gabryel and Bob Van Hyfte are part of the subgroup.
- The CAP subgroup met twice in January. Next meeting February 8.
- The group focused on different strategies and prioritization
- Target to complete CAP by end of 2016

**Action Item:**

**- Provide commission with meeting notes from January meetings and future meetings.**

d. Guest Speakers Schedule Update Publicity Plan

General discussion included press releases and asking speakers to share speaker series with their contacts.

e. Arbor Day & Earth Month Events and Contest Update

3/2, 7pm	Wed	Understanding Native Plants in Residential Settings
3/11	Fri	Arbor Day Contest Submissions Due
3/21	Mon	Arbor Day Winners Announced
4/4, 6:00pm	Mon	Are there Lead Hazards in my home?
4/4, 6:45pm	Mon	Radon's Indecent Exposure
4/11, 7pm	Mon	Sustainable Homes and Year-Round Indoor Gardening
4/12, 7pm	Tues	"What is a green home?"
4/22, 3-7 pm	Friday	Village Seedling Giveaway
4/22	Friday	Earth Day
4/29	Friday	Arbor Day
5/2, 7pm	Mon	GMO's & You

f. 2016 River Sweep Update May 21, 2016

- In addition to river sweep the suggestion was made on the same day promote clean-up of retention ponds in the area.

g. Cool DuPage Update

- The Cool DuPage resolution is on the agenda for the February 4<sup>th</sup> Village Board Meeting.

h. Coal Tar Village-wide Ban Update

- Village staff was asked about banning village wide. The staff responded by asking the EIC to provide a cost comparison.
- Glenn Gabryel suggested instead of modification of current codes to focus on public education.
- Suggestion was made to look into requiring permits for contractors that provide seal coating in the village.

**Action Item:**

- **Larry McIntyre, Glenn Gabryel and Erin Kennedy to prepare a report for the village staff that included cost comparison of replacement products.**

i. Electronics Recycling Update

- Downers Grove Township is exploring the have the recycling program.
- Sustainable Saturday Recycling Event is March 19<sup>th</sup> at Benedictine University. This event is sponsored by The Village of Lisle, Benedictine University, Du Page County and Scarce. The event is from 9 am until noon.

j. Holiday Lights Recycling Update

- Starting collection prior to Christmas resulted in one full bin prior to Christmas.
- Final pick up of two containers this week.

**Action Item:**

**Larry McIntyre to provide summary of the materials collected and funds generated from the collection.**

k. Community Garden/Beekeeping Initiative with Clarendon Hills

- Members of the Commission (Pam Ristau and Erin Kennedy) and Village Staff attended a meeting with Clarendon Hills for a joint community garden with a goal of educating the community. The total anticipated budget for the 3 year project is \$100,000. Funding sources may include grants, matching funds from both communities and fund raisers.

**Action Item:**

**Larry McIntyre and Dan Ungerleider (Clarendon Hills) to reach out to the Hilton to host a fund raiser and identify local sponsors.**

l. DuPage Environmental Summit Report

- Mary Gabryel, Kimberly Lombardozzi, Bob Van Hyfte and several members of the village staff attended the summit.
- The summit was hosted by The Conservation Foundation focusing on “Making Conservation Meaningful Where You Live” aka community engagement. --- -----
- Presenters included Amy Emery, City of Naperville, on full engagement of all city departments including fire, police, and public works in community sustainability initiatives. Several speakers presented successful community conservation projects: upgrading neighborhood school grounds, saving a corner lot and adding the parcel to an existing park, environmental education programs for grade schools, cleaning up a local creek, promoting native landscaping and pollinators and Kay McKeen spoke about ongoing community environmental events (Westmont was mentioned 3 times).

- The summit had several exhibitors that we made contact with and identified as future speakers.

7. Old Business

Waste Management procedures when electronic or other items not accepted at landfill are found in the trash can or curbside are identified by sight and tagged if not collectible.

8. New Business

Village of Westmont Green Purchasing Policy.

**Action Item:**

**Investigate what is current policy and consider a future recommendation if within a certain range make a green purchase. This should be included in the Climate Action Plan update.**

9. Misc. / Action Plans

Glenn Gabryel commented on the information forwarded by Larry McIntyre from Steve May on 1/28/16 regarding a presentation by "Dupage Coffee House" on Wednesday 2/3/16. The subject is 'oil bomb trains' concerning the hazards of "unit trains" hauling multiple cars of flammable liquids including 'Bakken' crude oil. Many of these pass through Westmont every week. A previous EIC chairman pointed out that a lot of high volume material runs through our community every day on the BNSF, with varying degrees of hazard ... some light distillates like gasoline, anhydrous ammonia, amorphous polypropylene, sulfuric and other acids, organic solvents and sundry industrial gases. Similar down the adjacent highways including Route 83.

Glenn Gabryel noted a Chicago Tribune Local news article "Progress, but still work to do on railroad safety" which stated that Sen. Dillard, Rep. Foster, Mayor Weisner of Aurora and various fire chiefs and EMS directors had already presented in January on this subject. Based on the article, the DOT has regulations pending or in effect (see Federal Register 49 CFR 172.820) which addresses the issue of rail tank car integrity especially for rolling stock classified under DOT-111 (must be retrofitted or replaced within 3 years) and CPC-1232 (must be retrofitted or replaced within 5 years). This brings into question the utility of attending the Coffee House session and several EIC members wondered how objective it would be.

Next meeting March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Westmont Public Library



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#### 10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Alvarez seconded by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



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