



Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

February 6, 2017, 6:00 PM

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

Meeting Minutes - Final

1. Call To Order
Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Roll Call
In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kate Johnson, Erin Kennedy, Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe, Tyler Tieche and Bob Van Hyfte.
Absent: Brittany Smith.
Staff in attendance: Jon Yeater (Liaison).
3. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Kim Lombardozzi
4. Consent Agenda
Kim Lombardozzi addressed the commission on this agenda item:
 - a. January 9, 2016 regular meeting minutes
 - b. January 16, 2017 special meeting minutes

Motion was made by Glenn Gabryel with modification to approve the consent agenda. The motion was second by Bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote.

5. Reports
 - a. Special Presentation-Waste Management
 - Meghann Maves, Waste Management provided an overview of the recycling program, Increasing Diversion with Waste Management
 - Mike Brink, Waste Management, also contributed
 - In 2016, Westmont has a 37.28% diversion rate of quality materials
- Reflected in Tons
- | | |
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| 6,799.3 | 2016 Total |
| 4,264.7 | Garbage |
| 1,915.4 | Recycling |
| 619.2 | Yard Waste |

- Discussions included researching opportunities at Westmont Events and Festivals to increase diversion rates.
 - The presentation has been posted on YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh_8Gcu5syt
 - Recycle Often, Recycle Right Video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OL9loDwILVs&list=PLjCh7wb6tToLDIQzUyk3VBIR3YppHiNej&index=5>
- b. Climate Action Plan
- Tyler Tieche provided an update. Refer to January 9th meeting minutes.
 - Future meetings: February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12 at 6 pm at the Westmont Library.
- c. Earth Month Guest Speakers – Arbor Day Contest
- Speaker series and Arbor Day Contest has been published. See Exhibit A and B for details.
- Action Items:**
- **All Commissioners to share information on social media and with contacts.**
 - **Mary Gabryel to work on Arbor Day Contest coordination.**
- d. Community Recycling Containers Proposal
- The village rolled out 4 recycling containers at the train station.
- Action Items:**
- **Jon Yeater will report at the next meeting if materials are being co-mingled.**
- e. Holiday Lights Recycling
- Collection last day was January 31
- Action Items:**
- **Jon Yeater to obtain collection results to report at the March meeting**
- f. Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary Project and Fundraisers
- Brick purchase fundraising program has been announced.
 - Continue working on promotion and fundraising

6. Old Business

a. Volunteer Waivers

Action Item:

- **Jon Yeater is following up to give the commission access to the documents.**

b. Committee Member Village Email Account Setup

- Going forward all communication will be via the Westmont.il.gov addresses.
- Tyler Tieche and Kate Johnson should be set up shortly.
- EIC would like to explore having its own social media such as Facebook.
- EIC would also like to explore creating mass emailing to get our message and events out to the residents.

Action Item:

- **Mary Gabryel to reach out to Amy Quattrone about volunteer data base**
- **Jon Yeater to inquire about potential of EIC social media presence**

7. New Business

a. Conservation in Our Community Program – The Conservation Foundation

Action Item:

- **Kate Johnson, Kim Lombardozi and Jon Yeater to review opportunities to collaborate**

b. VOW Social Media Factoids

Green Tuesday – tidbits of “Green” information

Action Item:

- **Send ideas/comments to Jon Yeater**

c. Chamber of Commerce Banner

Discussion if EIC should get a 3 x 5 banner as an means to promote the EIC. No decision made at this time.

Action Item:

- **Erin to review and come up with suggestions.**
- **Tyler and Bob volunteered to review content.**

d. EIC Brand/Logo

Kim Lombardozi and Jon Yeater presented two samples for consideration.

Action Item:

- **Erin Kennedy and Bob Van Hyfte agreed to review and present samples at the March meeting.**

e. Wyland Foundation – National Mayor’s Challenge For Conservation

Discussion took place if the EIC should recommend to the Mayor participate in the challenge April 1 – 30th.

Action Item:

- **Commissioners should further review and be prepared to make a recommendation at the March meeting.**

f. Giveaways for Speaker Series

Discussed if EIC would want to have giveaways at the presentations to help increase turnout. Might be too late for Spring 2017 speaker series but consider for future series and include in the promotion materials.

Westmont Public Works is providing a rain barrel to raffle at one of the presentations.

8. Misc. / Action Plan

- DuPage Monarch Project

Kim Lombardozi asked the EIC to consider a recommendation/resolution to the Village Board to promote Monarch Butterfly habitats and education.

Action item:

- **The commissioners were asked to consider this for the March meeting.**

- Increased Sodium Chloride – River and Streams

Glenn Gabryel brought up a Chicago Tribune January 27 article about the buildup of sodium chloride from road salt in the streams and ground and over time the levels are increasing. Jon Yeater noted that Westmont is a member of DuPage Salt conservation group and tries to apply road salt in a responsible manner.

- Maercker District 60 Science Fair

Mary Gabryel, Kim Lombardozi and Bob Van Hyfte assisted Jon Yeater at the science fair. Jon’s exhibit focused on bees and pollinators and included a beehive and protective clothing the children were able to try on. Also promoted was the Richmond Education Garden and Apiary and Morton Arboretum.

- Red White and Blue BBQ recycling

Bob Van Hyfte reported he is in contact with Bob Fleck, Executive Director of the Westmont Park District, to collaborate on recycling opportunities at the event.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary McAuliffe and second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Westmont Environmental Improvement

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GREEN Speaker Series Provides Residents Environmental News

Village of Westmont

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The Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission has scheduled a number of guest speakers to present on a variety of topics this year. These free events will be presented at the Westmont Library, 428 N. Cass Avenue.

CONSERVATION @ HOME - Thursday, Feb. 23, 7pm

Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation will share a variety of conservation techniques including the use of rain barrels, rain gardens, and the selection and use of native plants.

BIRDS & BUTTERFLIES - Wednesday, March 8, 7pm

Judi Davenport, University of Illinois Master Gardener, will talk about ways to welcome birds and butterflies into your yard using bird feeders and easy to grow plants and shrubs.

THE EDIBLE FOREST - Tuesday, March 14, 7pm

Hear about forest gardening, a low-maintenance garden designed with fruit and nut trees, shrubs, herbs, vines, and perennial vegetables, presented by The Resiliency Institute.

NATURAL LAWN CARE BASICS - Monday, March 27, 7pm

Learn how to create a healthier lawn and reduce the health risks and environmental impacts of pesticides and herbicides from Ryan Anderson of the Midwest Pesticide Action Center (MPAC).

SUSTAINABLE HOMES-INDOOR GARDENS - April 12, 7pm

Presented by Victor Zaderej from Molex's Solid State Lighting Group, learn how to grow leafy greens, herbs, and vegetables indoors year round.

WHERE ARE THE MONARCHS? - Wed., May 3, 7pm

Local resident Pat Miller will look at historical environmental factors which affect the monarch butterfly population. Find out about efforts to turn the tide of population decline and what you can do to help.

SOLVING YOUR YARD PROBLEMS - May 18, 6pm

Do you have water puddles in your yard or heavy clay soil? Learn how to deal with these water problems, and the secrets to composting all your organic material to make rich additions to garden and flower beds from Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation.

For more information regarding the Environmental Improvement Commission and their initiatives, please contact Jon Yeater at green@westmont.il.gov

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2017 Arbor Day Student Art & Essay Contest

To celebrate Westmont's Tree City USA 21st Anniversary, the Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission (EIC) has announced the 2017 Annual Arbor Day Student Art & Essay Contest. The contest is open to all K-12 students who either live in Westmont or attend a school located in Westmont. "Trees are important to our community and we hope to encourage students to appreciate the many gifts and benefits that trees provide to our community," said EIC Secretary Mary Gabryel. Submissions can be made online now through Sunday, April 2. Following are some of the contest details:

- * The theme for the project is "Gifts Trees Give Us"
- * Contestants must be a Westmont resident or attending a school located in Westmont, and must fill out and submit the online contest form by April 2
- * All artwork and essay submissions will be accepted now through April 2 by the Westmont Public Library, 428 N. Cass Avenue. An electronic copy (MS Word, PDF, images/jpgs of hand-written documents, etc.) of all artwork and essay entries must be sent to GREEN@westmont.il.gov

There will be four (4) age groups:

- * * K-1-2: Submit artwork or essay up to 100 words
 - * * 3-4-5: Submit artwork or essay up to 200 words
 - * * Middle School/6-7-8: Submit artwork or essay - 200-400 words
 - * * High School: Submit artwork or essay - 300-500 words
- * There will be a total of sixteen (16) entries selected - two (2) selections per age group for essays and (2) selections per age group for artwork
 - * Selected entries will be recognized at a reception at Westmont Public Library on Saturday, April 29, between 11am and 1pm
 - * Results will be announced Monday, April 17 on the village website
 - * Be sure to include your name, school, grade, email, and phone number in your email submissions as well as entries dropped off at the Library

To register your entry online and for more info, please click on the link below. If you have further questions or comments regarding this contest and all things green, contact the EIC at GREEN@westmont.il.gov.

[Arbor Day Art & Essay Contest Sign-up Form](#)