



## Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

May 2, 2016, 6:00 PM

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

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### Meeting Minutes - Final

1. Call To Order

Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 6.01 pm.

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Erin Kennedy, Kim Lombardozzi, Bob Van Hyfte (arrived 6:05), Pam Pistau (arrived at 6:05), and Tyler Tieche. Absent: Mary McAuliffe. Staff in attendance: Larry McIntyre and Jon Yeater (Public Works).

Guest: Brittany Smith (Westmont Public Library)

Barbara Alvarez resigned in April, 2016.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kim Lombardozzi.

4. Consent Agenda

Kim Lombardozzi addressed the commission on this agenda item,

- a. Approval of EIC Minutes from 4/11
- b. Feedback Seedling Giveaway Sign-Up

**Motion was made by Mary Gabryel to approve consent agenda items a and b. The motion was second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote.**

5. Reports

- a. Storm Drain Stenciling - May 7 & 2016 River Sweep - May 21, 2016
  - Storm Drain Stenciling is from 8am to noon and River Sweep is 9am to noon.
  - Jim Wright, Jon Yeater and Mike Ramsey are coordinating the stenciling event and the River Sweep is coordinated by the Conservation Foundation.
  - Volunteers still needed for both projects

- b. Coal Tar Village-wide Ban Update
  - Glenn Gabryel reached out to Wilmette and DuPage Environmental Health department but is still waiting for responses.
  - Kim Lombardozzi noted studies by the International Agency for Cancer Research (IARC) and European studies

**Action Item:**

**Larry McIntyre to issue a press release “bulletin of concern” to residents within the month.**

- c. Holiday Lights Recycling Update - Processing

**Action Item:**

**Larry McIntyre to inquire how materials are processed and report back at the next meeting.**

- d. Richmond Education Garden Update

- Fundraiser was held on 4/22 by Clarendon Hills team.
- Steve May, Erin Kennedy and Larry McIntyre will be attending a joint meeting with Clarendon Hills this week.
- Potential for a fall fundraising event at the Oakbrook Hilton

- e. Marketing Materials

- i. Purchases - Table Cover, Canopy and Table  
Materials have been purchased. Still need table cover.
- ii. Name Tags & Business Cards  
Distributed to the group.
- iii. EIC Promotion Video - EIC activities and Recycling Dos and Don'ts  
Mary Gabryel contacted Westmont High School environmental group and they are not interested at this time but will follow up in the fall.

Brittany Smith volunteered use of the library video materials.

**Action Item:**

**Mary Gabryel to contact High School and Junior High School in September to see if they have any interest in working on this project.**

iv. EIC Shirts

EIC commissioners decided no need for shirts at this time and would use their EIC name tags at Westmont Events.

f. Presence at Community Events

- Commission decided to have presence at the 8/25 Westmont street fair.
- Commissioners Erin Kennedy, Pam Ristau and Tyler Tieche volunteered
- Suggestion was made to raffle a tree at this event and to give away milkweed seeds

**Action Item:**

**Mary Gabryel to contact Jon Yeater to get an estimate on the cost of a tree.  
Kim Lombardozi to research getting milkweed seeds.**

g. Climate Action Plan

**Action Item:**

**Tyler Tieche, Mary McAuliffe and Larry to meeting this week to review the data received from the village staff.**

h. Earth Month Speaker Series

3/2 Understanding Native Plants in Residential Setting, Seth Crackle

18 residents including 3 members of EIC

4/4 Are There Lead Hazards in My Home? Sam Davis and Mary McAuliffe

17 residents including 7 members of EIC

4/4 Radon's Indecent Exposure, Elliott Wall and Kelly Sibert

17 residents including 7 members of EIC

4/11 Sustainable Homes and Year-Round Indoor Gardening, Victor Zaderej

21 residents including 4 members of EIC

4/12 What Is A Green Home? Lauren Blissard

13 residents including 3 members of EIC

5/2 GMO's & You

The success of the programs is due to early (3 month in advance of event) advertising which occurred in press releases, Neighbors magazine, The Explorer (Library event magazine) and articles in local papers as well as notices on the water bills. It was suggested to space events out more, possibly monthly, to gain a larger audience on the water bills as they go out bi-monthly to one part of the residents and on an alternating bi-monthly schedule to another segment of residents.

- i. ComEd Smart Meter Program  
Smart meter change out starts in mid-July. 60-90 days to complete 90% of the community.
- j. Community Recycling Contest-Illinois Green Business Association (IGBA)  
Defer to August Meeting
- k. Village Emails-Volunteer Training-Open Meetings Act  
EIC commissioners received a Westmont.il.gov email address. Suggest using this address for all EIC business and will use this address to share materials starting after the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Action item: Village to send open meetings website overview to commissioners.**

6. Old Business

Glenn has secured 2 speakers from Argonne for Sept 19.

**Action item: Larry McIntyre to verify meeting location for Argonne panel Sept 19 at Village Hall.**

7. New Business

- Bob Van Hyfte brought to our attention the Fats, Oils and Grease the leading cause of sewer back-up information piece that was included in the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District sewer bills. This district provides sewer service to residents on the south side of Westmont.

It was suggested that Westmont include a similar message in the water bills or add an information piece.

8. Misc. / Action Plan

None

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob Van Hyfte and second by Erin Kennedy and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

## Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

April 4, 2016, 6:00 PM

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

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### Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order

Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Kim Lombardozzi

4. Consent Agenda

Kim Lombardozzi addressed the commission on this agenda item and item "c" was removed from the consent agenda

- a. Approval of EIC Minutes from 3/14
- b. DuPage EIC Symposium Report
- c. Conservation Foundation Report
- d. Arbor Day Contest Results

**Motion was made by Mary McAuliffe to approve consent agenda items a, b, and d. The motion was second by Glenn Gabryel and unanimously approved by voice vote.**

5. Reports

- a. Storm Drain Stenciling - May 7 & 2016 River Sweep - May 21, 2016
  - Storm Drain Stenciling is from 8am to noon and River Sweep is 9am to noon.
  - Kim Lombardozzi made arrangements with Scarce to get 320 storm drain medallions worth \$1,000 for no charge.
  - Discussion on VOC levels of the paint to be used on stenciling project and perhaps children should not paint but take on another role for this project
  - Volunteers still needed for both projects

- b. Coal Tar Village-wide Ban Update
  - Glenn Gabryel supplied in late March a draft of a public notice
  - Also tried to make additional contacts at the EPA and University of IL

**Action Item:**  
**Larry McIntyre to review the draft public notice with village staff before issuing a press release**
  
- c. Holiday Lights Recycling Update - Additional Location & Processing
  - Second location will be at the public library

**Action Item:**  
**Larry McIntyre to inquire how materials are processed and report back at the next meeting.**
  
- d. Richmond Education Garden/Beekeeping Initiative with Clarendon Hills
  - Clarendon Hills is hosting a fund raiser on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Aguamiel Restaurante, 30 S. Prospect
  
- e. Marketing Materials
  - i. Purchases - Table Cover, Canopy and Table  
Materials should be ordered and received in 2 weeks
  - ii. Name Tags & Business Cards  
Tags and Cards should be available in 2 weeks
  - iii. EIC Promotion Video - EIC activities and Recycling Dos and Don'ts  
Suggestion was made by Mary Gabryel to contact Westmont High School about interest in working on this project  
**Action Item:**  
**Contact Westmont High School**
  - iv. EIC Shirts  
Kim Lombardozzi research costs of a vest which run \$21-\$31 without embroidery and before tax and shipping
  
- f. Presence at Community Events
  - Tentative dates 7/14, 8/11 and 8/25 for EIC presence at the street fair.
  - Commissioners Erin Kennedy, Pam Ristau and Tyler Tieche volunteered and will need to select a date  
**Action Item:**  
**Select a date for street fair**

- g. Climate Action Plan  
Larry McIntyre reported he passed out information request and received an 80% response rate from staff with the village hall staff and finance department still gathering information. Hope to get data in 2 weeks.  
**Action Item:**  
**Committee meeting upon receipt of data.**
  - h. Earth Month Speaker Series  
Glenn Gabryel reported he has not been able to get a response from Argonne for a fall speaker but will continue to try. Mary M offered to reach out to a contact she knows at Argonne.  
**Action Item:**  
**Mary McAuliffe to reach out to Argonne contact.**
  - i. ComEd Smart Meter Program  
Smart meter change out starts in July
  - j. Community Recycling Contest-Illinois Green Business Association (IGBA)  
Defer to next meeting
6. Old Business  
None
7. New Business  
None
8. Misc. / Action Plans
- Westmont Police Department Safe Drug Collection on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10am – 2pm at the police station, 500 N. Cass
9. Adjourn  
Motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Alvarez and second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

## Feedback Seedling Giveaway Sign Up Comments

### What other environmental-friendly programs should be considered by the Village of Westmont.

The information below was supplied by residents who signed up for the 2016 tree seedling giveaway

Classes on composting  
Teaching kids to garden  
Class or tips on how to naturally (organic) have a beautiful lawn

Planting native flowers around rights of way; native flowers in parks;  
Prairie grass parkways  
Milkweed for monarchs  
Growing the Monarch Butterfly Population.  
Spray parkway trees for bugs  
Hanging baskets should have herbs so they can be harvested for low income families in Westmont. Also fruit trees planted as opposed to oak and others.  
Offer seedlings more than once a year  
Leaves - curbside pick-up like in northern suburbs  
Ash Tree Removal to continue  
Availability for free or inexpensive mulch for residents (noted 3x)

Solar energy  
Solar panels for village buildings  
Bio-solids for flood control (Bioswales?)  
Compost barrels  
Native plant sale  
Rain gardens  
Rain barrels (noted 3x)  
What is available to encourage Composting in Westmont?  
Electronics recycling!

Village Clean Up Days  
Spring cleanup day for kids. My kids love to walk the neighborhood and pick up trash that was buried under snow or leaves for the winter. It would be great if there was a city wide kids even for this.

More frequent recycling program (electronics included), perhaps 3-4x per year  
Recycling pick up weekly  
More frequent expired medication disposal event, 2-3x per year perhaps  
Annual Hazardous Waste drop-off site for paint, oil, antifreeze, etc. (Noted 3x)  
To reinstate the recycling rebate.  
Liquid disposal such as old paint etc.  
Electronic recycling (Noted 6x)  
Light bulb and battery recycling (noted 3x)  
Small electronics recycling.

Use of road salt alternatives

If there is any available land for people that would like to rent garden space to plant a garden (Noted 2x)

Preservation of green space

Incentives for fixing up old homes instead of tearing them down.

Relax the restrictions placed upon people who want to raise bees!!!! TOO MANY RULES & REGS`!!!!

Westmont--we like the seedling program and we are grateful for the rain barrel program! :)

I like the recycling efforts at homes and parks. Just keep doing what you are doing.

Village does a pretty good job now. I can't think of anything at this time.

I'm not sure what else can be done.

This will be the second program that I have participated in & I think it's great. We got a rain barrel a couple of years ago.

We need things like these programs, especially to share with our children.

Thank you!!

I like the recycling programs

Hang your clothes outside to dry!

I don't know of any at this time. I think the village does good things.