

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

August 1, 2016, 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 6:04 pm.

2. Roll Call

In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Erin Kennedy, Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe, Pam Ristau (6:22 arrival), Tyler Tieche, and Bob Van Hyfte. Absent: Brittany Smith. Staff in attendance: None

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Led By Kim Lombardozzi

4. Consent Agenda

Kim Lombardozzi addressed the commission on this agenda item

- a. June 6 meeting minutes
- b. Chairperson six month report
- c. June 10 Cool DuPage Report Summary
- d. June 20 meeting minutes
- e. July 11 meeting minutes

Motion was made by Mary McAuliffe to approve consent agenda items. The motion was second by Bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote (excluding Pam Ristau do to late arrival)

5. Reports

a. Richmond Education Garden/Beekeeping Initiative with Clarendon Hills

- New cost estimate \$140,000
- Approximately \$60,000 has been raised or committed
- Village staff researching details regarding proposed casino night fundraiser
- EIC Subcommittee: Erin Kennedy, Pam Ristau, Brittany Smith
- Next steps

1. Create awareness / marketing plan

Reach out to Clarendon Hills to review their marketing plan for synergy

2. Explore fundraising ideas

Action items:

- **Identify stake holders**
- **Create a marketing plan and awareness program**
- **Larry McIntyre to provide contact list of potential partner organizations**
- **Subcommittee to set date for working meeting**

b. Climate Action Plan

- Next meeting August 8th
- Data collected from public works
- Creating a vision statement complimentary to EIC vision statement

Action Items:

- **Tyler Tieche and Mary McAuliffe to follow up on open items**
- **Suggest that an article in next Neighbors magazine an article about the CAP update**
- **Tyler Tieche and Larry McIntyre to set up review of access to EIC documents to improve efficiency**

c. Marketing Materials – Item was deferred to September meeting

- i. Purchases - Table Cover, Sandwich board
- ii. EIC Promotion Video - EIC activities and Recycling Dos and Don'ts

d. Presence at Community Events, Aug. 25th Street Fair

Flyer highlighting recycling events, speakers and Richmond Garden
Potential Com Ed / Nicor Presence

Subcommittee: Tyler Tieche, Pam Ristau, Erin Kennedy and Bob Van Hyfte

Action Items:

- **Kim Lombardozzi to prepare flyer and get copies made. In addition, create a Richmond Garden poster to promote awareness**
- **Tyler Tieche to coordinate with Larry McIntyre to pick up table, chairs, flyers and Cool DuPage magnets**
- **Erin Kennedy to provide composting worms and easel**

e. September 19 Argonne Panel Presentation and Westmont First Joint Meeting

- Presentation has been promoted in Scarce and Cool DuPage Newsletters
- Notification sent to Clarendon Hills and Downers Grove
- Suggestion was made to create sign-up sheet so we can get an idea on the number of potential attendees and promote the presentation

Action Items:

- **Larry McIntyre to post on Westmont electric billboards in September**
- **Glenn Gabryel to coordinate with Larry McIntyre to create signage in the Village Hall Lobby to direct participants to meeting room**
- **Larry McIntyre to create an electronic sign-up sheet to track attendees and use link in press releases**

f. ComEd Smart Meter Program Item Deferred to September Meeting

g. Community Recycling Contest-Illinois Green Business Association (IGBA)
Item deferred to late fall 2016.

6. Old Business
None

7. New Business

- Explore a partnership with the Conservation Foundation on the Conservation in the Community Program
- Pumpkin Smashing event to promote pumpkin recycling during annual Trick or Treat Trail on Saturday October 22nd. Pumpkin Composting will be held at The Farm (63rd and Cass) on Saturday November 5th 10am to 2pm.

Action Items:

- o **Need to form a subcommittee**
- o **Create flyer promoting upcoming events.**
- o **Larry McIntyre to have pumpkin composting banners available for 10/22 Trick or Treat Trail and at The Farm in mid October.**

8. Misc. / Action Plans

- Upcoming recycling extravaganzas on 9/24 in Lombard
- August 27, 2016 – Paper shedding event by Shred4Rescues and Citadel Information Management, 827 Blackhawk Dr., Westmont from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There is a \$3.00/bag or box fee for the shredding services. For more information call 630-323-1540.
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- Future Meetings:
 - o August 8th – CAP
 - o September 12 – Regular EIC Meeting
 - o September 19 – Joint meeting with Westmont First and Argonne Presentation

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Glenn Gabryel and second by Tyler Tieche and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**VILLAGE OF WESTMONT
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION
2016 Six Month Chairperson Report**

Recycling Events			
March 19, 2016, begins Downers Grove Sanitary District Westmont Police Department Tentatively Scheduled for Nov 5 Mid November 2016 - January 2017 Date?	New Electroincs Recycling Program Cooking Oil Collection Expanded Safe disposal of needles Pumpkin Composting - Hosted by The Farm Holiday Lights Paper Shredding/Fluorescent Bulb Recycling	Thru 6/9/16 3 pickups totaling 128 lbs Added a second location for Holiday	
Other Community Events			
April 2016 April 22, 2016, Friday, Westmont Library May 7, 2016 Tuesday May 21, 2016, Saturday August 25, 2016	2016 Arbor Day Artwork & Essay Contest "I Love Trees Because..." 2016 Westmont Arbor Day FREE Seedling Giveaway Storm Drain Stenciling and Medallions DuPage River Sweep Program in Westmont EIC presence at Street Fair	11 Winners from 4 different schools, 63 Residents signed up on line, 10 more than 30 volunteers assisted , Approximately 20 volunteers on this Scheduled for August 25th	
Guest Speakers			
March 2, 2016, Wednesday, 7:00pm April 4, 2016, 6:00pm, Westmont Library April 4, 2016, Monday, 6:45pm, Westmont Library April 11, 2015, Monday, 7:00pm, Westmont Library April 12, 2016, Tuesday, 7:00pm, Westmont Library May 2, 2016, Monday, 7:00pm, Westmont Library September 19, 2016, Monday Westmont Village Hall	Speaker: Seth Crackel, General Manager – Western Territory PIZZO & ASSOC., LTD. Speaker: Sam Davis Illinois Department of Pubic Health and Mary T. McAuliffe, IL EPA Speaker: Elliott Wall and Kelly Sibert, Elliott & Associates Speaker: Victor Zaderej, Manager of Advanced Development for Molex's Solid State Lighting Group Speaker: Laureen T. Blissard, Principal - LTLB envirotecture AIA, ALA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, LEED AP HOMES, USGBC LEED® Faculty™, LEED for Homes Green Rater, HERS Rater, Greenstar Professional, Speaker: Amy Cox, CHC, AADP, omstead, llc Argonne Panel: Alternative Liquid Fuels, Andrew Burnham and Trends in Grid Technology, Guenter Conzelmann	Presentation Title: Understanding Native Plants in Residential Settings Presentation Title: Are there Lead Hazards in My Home? Presentation Title: Radon's Indecent Exposure Presentation Title: Sustainable Homes and Year-Round Indoor Gardening Presentation Title: What is a green home? Presentation Title: GMO's & You	18 residents including 3 members of EIC 17 residents including 7 members of EIC 17 residents including 7 members of EIC 21 residents including 4 members of EIC 13 residents including 3 members of EIC 17 residents including 4 members of EIC
EIC Communication With the Residents			
Water Bill Tree Tags for Arbor Day	Goes to all water bill residents/business' 6 times a year. During 2016 we tagged 50 trees		
EIC Policy Review & Recommendations			
February 4, 2016 June 6, 2016	Cool Dupage - Passed by Village Board Feb 4, 2016 Coal Tar - Press Release		

Date: June 16, 2016

To: Westmont Environmental Improvement Commission

From: Mary Gabryel

RE: Cool DuPage Partner's Meeting and Green Government Council

Overview:

I attended the June 16th DuPage Green Government Council meeting and the Cool DuPage Partner's meeting. Attendees included Joy Hinz and Andi Dierich (DuPage County), Ed Musz (ComEd), Jim Jeroz (Nicor), Emily Rohan (Nicor), and representatives from The Conservation Foundation, Johnson Controls, Warrenville, Villa Park, Lombard, Woodridge, Carol Stream and a few others.

The representatives from ComEd and Nicor gave an overview of the free assessments, incentives and rebates available to businesses and residents.

The Conservation Foundation outlined their Conservation @Work and Conservation @ Home programs and have a goal to partner with Nicor and ComEd to provide a comprehensive program to encourage conservation inside and outside the home.

Representative from Carol Stream, Lombard, Villa Park, Warrenville, Westmont, and Woodridge gave a quick overview of projects they are working on.

Takeaway Items for EIC and Westmont village staff to consider:

1. Provide businesses and residents education on the Nicor and ComEd free energy assessments, incentive and rebate programs. Consider arranging for presenters at a chamber of commerce meeting, library program and tent at community events. The energy assessments typically take 60-90 minutes.
2. Recognize residents and businesses that are green champions in the community to honor them and inspire the community. The green champions are identified by community members and not necessary to enter a contest.
3. Compost bin program in addition to rain barrels. One village provides a fixed rebate payment to residents when they submit a photo on installation and complete a short form.
4. More native plantings
5. At the village permitting process have the staff notify residents of the programs available thru ComEd and Nicor to encourage design and purchase of energy efficient products.
6. Encourage local business to promote the ComEd and Nicor incentive and rebate programs.