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PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee

February 1, 2021, 6:00 PM

Village Hall - 31 W. Quincy

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order

Barker called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members: Bruce Barker, Glenn Gabryel, Carol Johnson, Geri Richter, Christa Stanulis, Brittany Smith, and Kimberly Bell

Staff Members: Jon Yeater

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

Chair Barker let the group know of an email from a new resident who would like the Village to consider weekly recycling.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Regular meeting minutes 1/4/2021

Motion: Smith motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Bell seconded

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

6. Reports

- a. Chair Report

Manager May wanted to bring back to the committee the idea of bringing the hazardous waste program to the community. The Manager asks the committee to consider the program irregardless of the cost. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the program.

- b. Sternberg Lighting**
Drew Tedford and Jeff First presented on the retrofitted heads for the acorn lighting in Westmont and answered questions from the committee.
- c. Recap on MMC 1-19-21 "Sustainability Roundtable & WPD presentation"**
Gabriel presented on the meeting which included topics of water equity and infrastructure, farmers markets, community gardens, flood mitigation efforts, and naturalization projects.
- d. Discussion for MMC 2/16 "Planning Earth Day and other Sustainability Events"**
Gabriel brought up the topic to the group- to think about an Earth Day or sustainability event to bring to the meeting in February.

7. Old Business

- a. Lighting/Dark Skies Ordinance**
This was discussed after the Sternberg presentation.
- b. 'No Mow' Initiative**
Yeater discussed that doing a resolution would be easier than promoting the event. The city would not ticket during that month for non-mowing.
- c. St. Joseph Creek**
No further comments on this.
- d. Waste Management**
Mike Brink will be joining us at the next meeting. Stanulis commented that marketing has been done for the composting program.
- e. Priority and Tasks List**
Yeater will share the top three priorities with the group.

8. New Business

- a. Budget**
The group discussed budget potentials for the next year. Trustee Barker wants to add funds for the potential to expand the planter program. Bell is requesting a membership to the Illinois Foodscrap Coalition. Yeater brought up the aerosol can recycling potential.
- b. 100 Year Anniversary Celebration**
Bell suggested giving away composting bins. Yeater suggested 100 trees planted. Other suggestions are lighting fixtures, native plants, or pollinator garden.
- c. Vegetation Ordinance Updates**
Yeater started looking at the ordinances. The goal is to combine multiple ordinances into one large ordinance. This would include an increase in the fine for damaging a tree.
- d. Clarke Environmental Annual Report**
The report was shared with the committee. The group discussed getting more information

on how they determine spraying is needed.

e. Bee City USA

Yeater sent an email to the committee about this and believes it would be an easy project to accomplish. The group would need to establish a standing committee (we would be the committee), create pollinator habitats, reduce the use of pesticides, incorporate pollinator conscious practices, host an awareness event, publicly acknowledge the affiliation, pay an initial application fee and yearly renewal fee, and annual report on activities. These are things we already do.

9. Misc.

Barker wanted to ask members to see if we know anyone living in Liberty Park so that he can reach out to those individuals about their drinking water issues.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Richter motioned to adjourn, Stanulis seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.