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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee

March 1, 2021, 6:00 PM

Village Hall - 31 W. Quincy

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#### MEETING MINUTES

**1. Call To Order**

Barker called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**2. Roll Call**

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

Staff Members: Jon Yeater

Guest: Mike Brink (Waste Management)

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comment**

None

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a. Regular meeting minutes 2/1/2021

**Motion:** Stanulis motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Gabryel seconded

**Vote:** All in favor, motion passed

**6. Reports**

- a. Chair Report

None

- b. Waste Management Annual Report

Mike Brink joined us to discuss the annual report. Members asked information about trends in general, and trends in Westmont. No residents have signed up for

composting yet. Barker brought up that every year we have a few comments from residents about weekly recycle pick up and that is something the village can talk to WM about.

- c. Recap on MMC 2/16/21 "Earth day - Community Engagement on Sustainability"  
Gabriel recapped the meeting which focused on engaging your community during Earth Day activities.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Lighting/Dark Skies Ordinance

Barker recapped where we are in this process. Stanlus will work with Smith to see if we can get a presentation at the library on the books for summer. The group will visit Sternberg lighting to see the option for retrofitting current downtown lights. The group talked about the importance of working on ordinances for long term changes in lighting in Westmont. This would ensure future projects

- b. 'No Mow' Initiative

This will go to the public works committee on March 25th as a resolution and then it will go to the village board meeting after that. We will have about 30 days for marketing this event.

- c. Budget

Barker has asked for our budget to just be rolled over to the next fiscal year, since we did not spend much of the money this fiscal year. Yeater will add the Bee City registration, International Dark Skies registration, funds for 100 year anniversary celebration and membership to the Illinois Food Scrap Coalition.

- d. 100 Year Anniversary Celebration

Barker let the mayor know that we would like to participate in some way.

- e. Vegetation Ordinance Updates

Yeater went through the possible updates.

- f. Bee City USA

The Bee city fee would be \$200-300 annually (depending on population after the census).

**Motion:** Barker motioned to support a resolution for Westmont to become a Bee City USA.

**Vote:** All in favor, motion passed

## 8. New Business

- a. 2021 Rain Barrel Program

Program is still available through Terracycle for \$75 a barrel through Conservation Foundation. The Village is not supplementing the cost of the program at all.

**b. Green Page Updates**

Gabryel, Smith, Stanulis, Johnson and Yeater all will be points of contact for updates.

**9. Misc.**

Smith shared that the library is expanding on the straw bale garden to include raised soil beds this year. Additionally, there will be an Eagle Scout project to include trellis structures. Smith also shared that the library has an upcoming parking lot renovation project, and they will be investigating adding a charging station to the parking lot. Johnson shared that Nordstrom is teaming up with Terracycle on a project called Beauty Cycle where you can recycle beauty packaging. Stanulis mentioned that if we do the hazardous waste pickup through Waste Management, that the mailer that goes out about the program also include composting information. Barker shared the email he sent Manager May communicated our discussion on adding the hazardous waste collection in Westmont. Stanulis suggested having Clark come out to present on mosquito abatement. Yeater will reach out to them to see if they can visit in April. Yeater shared the planter project was added to the Public Works budget. Holiday lights collection had it's final pick up so Yeater will have numbers at the next meeting. River sweep sign up is available online- this year is May 15th 9am-12pm in person. Yeater shared the hometown habitat video with the group via email and he ordered the documentary and can share with anyone who is interested.

**10. Adjourn**

**Motion:** Stanulis motioned to adjourn, Gabryel seconded.

**Vote:** Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.