

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

April 3, 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 6:07 pm.
2. Roll Call
In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kate Johnson, Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe, Brittany Smith, and Tyler Tieche (arrived 6:50).
Absent: Erin Kennedy and Bob Van Hyfte
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. March 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes
 - b. March 13, 2017 special meeting minutes
 - c. Report NAEP / IAET (National / Illinois Association of Environmental Professionals) webinar presentation “Environmental Practice in Flux: Transitioning to the Trump Administration”.**Motion was made by Kate Johnson to approve the consent agenda. The motion was second by Brittany Smith and unanimously approved by voice vote (excluding Tyler Tieche not in attendance at the time of the vote).**
5. Reports
 - a. Climate Action Plan
 - Brittany Smith provided an update. Please refer to March 13th meeting minutes for details.
 - Next meeting April 10, at 6 pm at the Westmont Library.
 - Goal is to provide a draft report to the EIC in June and target fall to present the CAP to the Village Board

b. Earth Month Guest Speakers – Arbor Day Contest and Tree Tagging

- Speaker Series

3/8 Birds and Butterflies 18 attendees

3/14 Converting Lawns to Edible Forest 20 attendees

3/27 Natural Lawn Care Basics 45 attendees

Upcoming Presentations:

4/12 Sustainable Homes Indoor Gardens

5/3 Where have Monarchs Gone?

5/18 Solving your yard problems.

- Arbor Day Contest

29 individuals have signed up for the contest.

Looking for assistance on Saturday April 29th 10:30-1pm.

- Arbor Day Tree Tagging

A local resident, Amylee Hogan Simonovich and Maercker Ecology Club have signed up to tag trees. Mary Gabryel is coordinating.

c. Community Recycling Containers Update

- Jon Yeater reported minimal garbage

d. Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary Project and Fundraisers

-Ground breaking on Earth Day, April 22nd 10 - noon

-Looking for volunteers to act as ambassadors

-Beehives have sponsored

-Purchase brick pavers programs in place and needs to be promoted

e. Recycling – Red, White and Blue BBQ May 26-28

- Bob Van Hyfte is looking for volunteers for oversee the recycling containers at this event.

f. Rain Barrel Decorating Contest

-Jon Yeater contacted Larry Frossberg, Westmont Chamber of Commerce, and expressed interest in exploring this program for spring 2018.

6. Old Business

a. Du Page Monarch Resolution

- The resolution was approved at the March 16th Village Board Meeting.

- The resolution was slightly modified from the version recommended by the commission at the March 3rd meeting. Action items were removed and sent to Steve May, the village manager in a separate memo.

Steve May is setting up a committee to identify areas in town that would benefit. The committee would include the Park District, Schools, EIC and other interested village staff.

- b. Conservation in Our Community Program – The Conservation Foundation
 - Jon Yeater provided the Conservation Foundation contacts for the potential interest in the Conservation at Work program.

- c. EIC Brand/Logo
 - No sample was presented at the meeting.

Action Item:

- Jon Yeater will inquire what is required for approval of a logo.
- Erin Kennedy to provide sample logo

- d. Chamber of Commerce Banner
 - No action item at this time.

- e. Promotional Materials for Speaker Series
 - Plan to distribute native seed packet we received from the DuPage Forest Preserve at the speaker events.

7. New Business

- a. Westmont Drain Stenciling – May 13
 - This is being coordinated by Westmont First. Sign up is available on line.
- b. DuPage River Sweep – May 20
 - This event is being sponsored by The Conservation Foundation. Jon Yeater is coordinating the Westmont volunteer group. Sign up is available on line.
- c. Tree Seedling Giveaway – April 28
 - Residents can sign up on line to get free tree seedling giveaway. The seedling pick up is at the library from 2-6 pm.
 - Glenn and Mary Gabryel volunteered to assist Jon Yeater.

d. Future Guest Speakers

- Need to obtain speakers for September-November before the June 16th deadline,

Action Items:

- Jon Yeater to contact Com Ed for a speaker to address Saving Energy and Money
- Commissioners are asked to bring speaker ideas to the May 1st meeting

e. Conservation Foundation Tree and Plant Sale – September

- A list of plants will not be available until mid-July
- It was suggested to move the plant sale to October.

f. Conservation Foundation Fundraiser

- The fundraiser is Thursday April 27 fundraiser

8. Misc. / Action Plan

a. Mary McAuliffe completed her introductory beekeeping course and will be working with Jon Yeater to monitor and maintain the bee hives at The Richmond Education Garden and Apiary.

b. The question was raised if the EIC has a mission statement. Mary Gabryel reported a mission statement was confirmed by the commission in Spring of 2014 and will distribute a copy.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mary McAuliffe and second by Kate Johnson and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.