

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

May 1, 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, Erin Kennedy (arrived 6:25), Kate Johnson, Kim Lombardozzi, Brittany Smith, Tyler Tieche (arrived 6:20) and Bob Van Hyfte.
Absent: Mary McAuliffe
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. April 3, 2017 regular meeting minutes
 - b. April 10, 2017 special meeting minutes

Mary Gabryel had one change to the meeting minutes. The April 3 meeting minutes consent agenda needs to be revised to reflect March 6, 2017 versus 2016.

Motion was made by Brittany Smith to approve the amended consent agenda. The motion was second by Bob Van Hyfte unanimously approved by voice vote, excluding Erin Kennedy and Tyler Tieche not in attendance at the time of the vote

5. Reports
 - a. Climate Action Plan
 - See April meeting minutes
 - Next meeting May 8, at 6 pm at the Westmont Library.
 - Goal is to provide a draft report to the EIC for the June meeting

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

- Speaker Series

4/12 Sustainable Homes Indoor Gardens – 35 attendees with 2 commissioners

Upcoming Presentations:

5/3 Where have Monarchs Gone?

5/18 Solving your yard problems.

- Arbor Day Contest

Certificates and awards were distributed to the winners at the Village Of Westmont Board Meeting on April 27th. Students who submitted Arbor Day Contest entries were recognized at a reception on Saturday April 29th. 50 attendees attended the reception.

- Arbor Day Tree Tagging

A local resident, Amylee Hogan Simonovich and Maercker Ecology Club tagged trees along Cass Avenue and the train station.

c. Community Recycling Containers Update

- Jon Yeater reported minimal garbage in the recycling containers.

d. Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary Project and Fundraisers

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

- Beehives have been sponsored/pledged

- Purchase brick pavers program available to residents and businesses

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

- Bob Van Hyfte reported he is reaching out to the schools for volunteers

Action Items:

- **Requested Jon Yeater to arrange for recycling banners for the event.**

- **Tyler Tieche requested Bob to prepare a summary of the event for consideration for inclusion in the CAP**

f. Rain Barrel Decorating Contest

- No update at this time.

Action Item:

-**Kate Johnson to follow up with Larry Forssberg**

6. Old Business

a. Conservation in Our Community Program – The Conservation Foundation

- Jon Yeater has provided contact info to Jim Kleinwachter to expand the program

b. EIC Brand/Logo & VOW Branding

- Samples of a logo was provided by Erin Kennedy See Exhibit
- Jon Yeater made a request to Village Manager Steve May to request a logo for the EIC
- Logo is currently on hold as the village moves forward on a branding initiative.

c. Chamber of Commerce Banner

- No action item at this time.

d. Westmont Drain Stenciling – May 13

- Sign Up available on line.

e. DuPage River Sweep – May 20

- Sign Up available on line. Jon Yeater is coordinating Westmont residents.

f. VOW Monarch Resolution

- Village manager Steve May requested a group be formed to identify locations for monarch and pollination way stations within the village. Jon Yeater has identified some residents to assist and is looking for volunteers from the EIC.

g. Future Guest Speakers

- Potential speakers were identified for spring 2018 programs
- Com Ed energy savings programs
- Gardening program for fall
- Glenn Gabryel suggested consideration of a speaker on fracking. After discussion, the commission decided against.

h. Conservation Foundation Tree and Plant Sale – October 14, 8am-noon

- Need volunteers the night before and day

7. New Business

a. EIC Succession Planning

- 3 commission members (Mary Gabryel, Glenn Gabryel and Kim Lombardozzi) terms expire January 2018.

Action Item:

- **Any commission members who are interested in the positions of chairperson and secretary or know of other individuals that might be interested in joining the EIC should contact Jon Yeater**

b. Pumpkin Composting Event

- Last year, composting sites included both The Farm and Richmond Education Garden. Based on discussion the EIC would like to focus on the Richmond Education Garden and suggested using this site for the 2017 collection

Action Item:

- **Mary Gabryel will reach out to The Farm. In 2016 3,000 pounds were collected at The Farm.**

c. Future Westmont Village Buildings and Expansions

- The Village 2017-18 budget includes \$958,000 to engineer and design a new public works facility.
- The EIC discussed LEED building standards for the future Public Works Facility

Motion:

EIC recommends to the village to lead the community by example and certify any new buildings, including the upcoming Public Works Facility, as USGBC LEED Certified building. Green buildings are designed to meet certain objectives such as protecting occupant health; improving employee productivity; using energy, water, and other resources more efficiently; and reducing the overall impact to the environment.

Motion was made by Kimberly Lombardozzi and second by Bob Van Hyfte.

Vote:

For – Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kate Johnson, Erin Kennedy, Kimberly Lombardozzi, and Tyler Tieche

Abstain – Brittany Smith

Against - None

d. Update on Clarke Mosquito Insecticide Product

- Glenn Gabryel reported Westmont is currently implementing the EarthRight program, which uses Merus (pyrtherin - a botanical insecticide) for adult mosquito control. Clarke used to use Biomist, a synthetic pyrethroid, for adult applications in the Village prior to switching over to the EarthRight program. Many of the townships that Clarke works with locally are using synthetic pyrethroids for adult mosquito control. Clarke is not using organophosphates in the local programs that they service. At this time, Clarke does not have information regarding what products would be considered for the Township-wide program. The rep believes that the programs will remain the same for the 2017 season.

Glenn is also working to confirm that the larvaeciding and other treatments (ie annual fish in ponds) will remain the same at least in Westmont, and expect to have that info as well.

e. 2017/18 Budget

- Awaiting final budget numbers which should be available later this month

f. Facebook Page/Newsletter

Action Item:

- **Kim Lombardozi to provide Jon Yeater with a proposal that can be submitted to the village manager.**

g. Conservation Foundation/Conservation in Our Community and Scarce Payment

- Deferred to June Meeting

8. Misc. / Action Plan

Kim Lombardozi thanked the EIC commissioners for their efforts to making the EIC an important part of the community and supporting community programs.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Kate Johnson and second by Bob Van Hyfte and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.