

PUBLIC NOTICE

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee

August 3, 2020, 6:00 PM

Westmont Village Hall, Second Floor, 31 W Quincy Street, Westmont, IL 60559

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call To Order

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

2. Roll Call

Committee Members: Brittany Smith, Glenn Gabryel, Geri Richter, Carol Johnson, Kimberly Bell, chair Linda Liddle, and chair Bruce Barker

Staff in attendance: Jon Yeater

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comment

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Regular meeting minutes 3/2/2020

Motion: Gabriel motioned to approve the meeting minutes, Liddle seconded

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

6. Reports

- a. Chair Report

None

- b. Recap on MMC and UIC webinars

Gabriel reported on the four webinars presented by MMC. All of them focused on region climate change action plans. Gabriel also presented on UIC's webinar about electrification infrastructure for electric vehicles.

7. Old Business

a. Environmental Awards

We will bring this back up later in the year since the schools are incredibly busy right now with reopening plans.

b. Special Waste Collection Event

Jon worked to bring that cost down to \$0- but at this point we are not sure when we will be able to have the event. This is on hold until 2021.

c. Compost Program

Program is currently on hold due to COVID. We will try to roll out the program next spring (March).

d. Solar Investment Tax Credit

We had to cancel our guest speaker for April- he will reschedule for September.

e. Dark Skies Ordinance

As a committee, we would like to look at our ordinances to ensure we have information about lighting. The central business district is currently in a phase of development, so this is the time to work on it so any new developments would have lighting included. We will be asking a staff member from Community Development to attend a meeting to explain various lighting aspects of our ordinances.

f. Fire Dept. Solar Ordinance Proposal

Yeater reviewed the proposal and did not see any issues. Rest of the committee will review and send comments over to him.

8. New Business

a. Monarch Fest 2020

Smith outlined the details for the second annual monarch fest- this year is virtual due to COVID.

b. WasteZero Textile Recycling Program

Yeater received an email about this program and he tried looking into the company for more information. SCARCE was able to connect him with information about the company and other textile recycling programs.

c. 'No Mow' Initiative

Yeater explained the initiative to the group and the benefits of having a program like that. He will loop in Code Enforcement so we can think about how to do a program like this next year.

d. 2021 EIC Meeting Schedule

Motion: Smith motioned to approve the 2021 EIC Meeting Schedule, Gabriel seconded.

Vote: all in favor, motion passed

9. Misc.

Gabriel asked the committee for any changes to the 2019 report he sent out. The report will go on the October meeting agenda. Yeater referenced his email to the committee about recycling spray cans. The committee agreed that the program (even with a fee) would be worth it if we cannot recycle through Waste Management. Next year Richmond Garden will need another beekeeper. The mayor received various emails questioning the mosquito spraying in the town and we followed up with our company and responded to the emails. Yeater wants to educate the community on mosquito prevention since this comes up every year.

10. Adjourn

Motion: Gabriel motioned to adjourn, Richter seconded.

Vote: Vote: all in favor, motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.