

Meeting - Environmental Improvement Commission

October 2, 2017, 6:00 PM

Westmont Public Library, 428 N Cass Ave, Westmont, IL 60559

Meeting Minutes

1. Call To Order
Kim Lombardozzi called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.
2. Roll Call
In attendance: Glenn Gabryel, Mary Gabryel, Kate Johnson (arrived 6:20), Kim Lombardozzi, Mary McAuliffe, and Brittany Smith.
Absent: Tyler Tieche 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. 9/11 regular meeting minutes
 - **Motion was made by Mary McAuliffe to approve the consent agenda. The motion was second by Brittany Smith unanimously approved by voice vote. (Excluding Kate Johnson not in attendance at the time of the vote).**
5. Clarke on Mosquito Abatement
 - Presenter Emily Glasberg Key Accounts Manager / Entomologist
 - Westmont uses the EarthRight program. EarthRight employs products that are EPA-registered *and* [OMRI Listed](#), including Natular and Merus. With their OMRI Listings, EarthRight products can be used in and around organic farms and gardens.
 - Number of mosquito spraying for adult mosquito
 - 3 in 2017
 - 3 in 2016
 - 2 in 2015
 - 2 in 2014
 - Westmont abatement program focus is spraying for disease versus for nuisance.

- In addition, sprayings are done for special events such as Taste of Westmont
- Clarke performed 12 larva control inspections
- West Niles Virus
Identified in traps 187 in DuPage County with 8 in Westmont
23 positive birds in Illinois but none in DuPage
39 human cases in Illinois of which 5 were in DuPage
- Westmont carbon reduction was 86.89% in 2016 using EarthRight versus traditional mosquito control.
- Multi-year agreement ends in 2017. New contract currently in negotiation.
- Clarke donates 1% of revenues go to environmental non-for profits. Prior donations went to Illinois prairie path and Friends of DuPage Forest Preserve. This year, Emily is nominating the Richmond Education Garden and Apiary.
- Clarke hopes to work with the Richmond Education Garden on an education program and volunteers.

6. Reports

a. Climate Action Plan (CAP)

- No updates at this time.
- Mary Gabryel suggested if current format changes consideration be given to the Green Region Compact 2 supported by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. <http://mayorscaucus.org/?s=grc2+framework>

b. Green Speaker Series

- Brittany Smith advised the deadline for spring entries is 12/8.
- Recommend 3 topics for spring 2018. Kim Lombardozzi will coordinate speakers.

c. Richmond Education Gardens and Apiary Project and Fundraisers

- The village issued a press release looking for volunteers.
- Plan to break ground in the fall including regrading.
- ComEd performed tree removal and an Eagle Scout is working on brush removal.
- Mary McAuliffe is resigning from her beekeeper role at the garden. Looking for beekeepers to help maintain the 4 hives.

d. Rain Barrel Decorating Contest

No update at this time

- e. Conservation Foundation Tree and Shrub Sale – October 14th 8am-noon
 - Volunteers will meet on Friday 10/13 to sort plants and set up.
 - Table, canopy, signage and flyers needed for the event.
 - f. Pumpkin Composting Event - Saturday November 4
 - Event will be held at Richmond Education and Apiary
 - Maercker Ecology Group volunteering 9-10:30.
 - Pumpkin Smashing 10/21 at the Wicked West Fest. Need volunteers for tabling and judging.
 - **Action Item:**
 - **Banner needed to promote Pumpkin Composting. Banner was approved at 8/7 EIC meeting.**
7. Old Business
- a. Conservation in Our Community Program – The Conservation Foundation
No updates at this time.
 - b. Holiday Light Recycling
Pick-up locations will be the South Fire Station and Westmont Public Library from November 20 to January 31.
 - c. SCARCE Earth Flag program for Village Recycling Contest
 - Westmont is meeting with Scarce to explore this.
 - d. Holly Day Activities
 - Plan to stuff flyers in the 5K race packets
 - Limited interest in marching in the parade with Westmont Green Banner
8. New Business
- a. Budget Expenditures
 - No updates at this time.
 - b. 2018 Meeting Dates
 - Schedule meetings for the first Monday of the month excluding July.
1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 8/6, 9/10, 10/1, 11/5 and 12/3
 - c. Indiana Dunes National Lake Shore Dark Sky Designation Support
 - Need more information. Kim Lombardozzi to research.

d. 2018 Goals / Programs

2018/19 Budget needs to be submitted in early January. Any new programs or program changes will need to be reflected in the budget in order to get funding. Plan on discussing ideas at the November meeting.

9. Misc. / Action Plan

a. Maercker School Recognition

- The Maercker Ecology group will be recognized by the village board and will be making a short presentation at the village board on 11/9 highlighting the ecology efforts over the last year and their designation as a 2017 Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. They are one of only 48 schools honored nationwide for the award .that got them recognition
- In addition, Maercker School is being recognized at the DuPage County Board meeting on 11/14.

b. Planned Asphalt Plant

- Lorig Construction Co. is requesting a conditional use permit to build an asphalt batching plant on about 21 acres at 9900 S. Route 83 in unincorporated DuPage County (Route 83 and Bluff Road). The DuPage County Forest Preserve District owns the property west of the proposed site, Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve.

DuPage County Zoning Board of Appeals is currently considering this conditional use. A hearing is scheduled for October 19.

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Brittany Smith and second by Mary McAuliffe and unanimously approved by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.