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Meeting - Environmental Improvement Committee
Westmont Village Hall - 31 W. Quincy Street - 2nd Floor
October 3, 2022, 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1. **Call To Order** - EIC Chair Bruce Barker called meeting to order at 5:34pm
2. **Roll Call** - by observation - Trustee Bruce Barker, Carol Johnson, Colleen Seisser, Marybeth Carlson, Carol Johnson, Christa Stanulis, Glenn Gabryel, Kimberly Bell, Linda Liddle, Zach Chorney, Spencer Parker, EIC Liaison Larry McIntyre
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Led by Barker
4. **Public Comment** - None - there were two guests in the audience who stated they were in attendance to observe
5. **Minutes**
 - a. Minutes from last meeting still need to be reviewed - approval will be considered at the next meeting
6. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair Report**
 - i. Barker introduced Asst. Village Manager Parker to the group
 - ii. Recycling/Waste Hauling RFP Discussion
 1. Several items discussed, Barker engaged all committee members for feedback regarding the RFP recommendations
 2. It was suggested that we should interview other communities who have recently gone through the RFP contract, Parker stated that this is something they may do during the next step of this process
 3. It was confirmed that we are two years away from actually issuing the RFP
 4. It was suggested that we consider an updated format to make the EIC recommendation document more reader friendly and that we should be sure to prioritize the recommendations
 5. There was a lot of positive feedback regarding the process of creating the recommendations and the final draft
 6. The group discussed the idea of some households not being picked up every week, but it was suggested that this might be too cumbersome for the contractor
 7. It was stated that some communities have a weight-based collection and fee system, which creates complexities regarding billing and pick-up schedule
 8. It was suggested that different colored totes could help hauler identify which address to pick up, if a not-every-week collection is

to be considered

9. Discussed the idea of asking the waste hauler be responsible and held accountable to provide more user education
 10. Discussed the idea of having the waste hauler post collection data online that the village could access through a private portal
 11. Possibly ask for QR code on totes that links to current list of items that can and cannot be recycled or collected in that particular tote
 12. Make sure education allows formats that assists senior citizens, as well as consider multi-lingual information
 13. The group stated that smoke detectors might be considered a hazardous material and would not be part of a recycling program
 14. The group talked about aerosol can collection and disposal
 15. Recommendation for Spencer to connect with Christa if there are any questions.
- iii. **Dark Sky Initiative** - Barker talked about an upcoming Dark Skies event
 - iv. **Styrofoam Ban** - No updates, the item was sent back to assignments in the Illinois legislature; ***ACTION ITEM: Stanulis will talk to one of the co-authors of the bill***

b. EIC Liaison Report

i. Pumpkin Smash Event - Oct. 22

1. McIntyre talked about the event and the need for identifying volunteers
2. Trustee Barker and Bell stated they could participate in the pumpkin throwing contest
3. Gabryel and Bell stated that they can help with the contest
4. It was suggested that we create handouts for the event to promote upcoming events such as the special collection, cooking oil recycling, pumpkin collection and more - we might need about 500 copies

ii. Pumpkin Composting Event - Nov. 5

1. McIntyre talked through the needs of the events
2. Maercker School students are interested in volunteering
3. Good signage is needed for how to drive-through the collection
4. Volunteers will include Gabryel and Stanulis
5. It was suggested that volunteers could have safety vests
6. Chorney will be the staff point of contact for this event

iii. Scout Project Updates

1. McIntyre stated that Kye Johnson has finished her project, which is an information brochure regarding native plants
2. The final version will be posted on the Village Website
3. It was suggested to have this printed and placed at Richmond Gardens for people to take when they are on location

iv. HHW Events

1. The group asked about creating various special collections such as HHW and other items - ***ACTION ITEM: McIntyre will connect with Joy Hinz at DuPage County re: special HHW collection events*** - it was also suggested that we can look into styrofoam collection

- c. **Richmond Education Gardens & Apiary** - McIntyre reported that the Westmont Library held the first official program at REGA; Seisser reported that the event went well; it was mentioned that parking at REGA is difficult
- d. **Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Report** -
 - i. Gabryel reported on several items regarding the MMC
 - ii. Under the MMC, the midwest region greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory is being updated to reflect 2019 data. Stationary energy is projected to account for (65%, transportation is 32% and solid waste has 3%.
 - iii. The current GHG load of 112 MMT CO₂ is down 9% from 2010, -2% from 2015. While significant, an avg 5% annual decline is needed to reach the climate stability established by the IPCC / Paris Accords.
 - iv. The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation has been drafted however the bill has no sponsor yet and remains in committee. The focus is on producers / manufacturers to pay fees into an umbrella organization to fund recovery / disposal of specified materials and for community education.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. **Recycling/Waste Hauling RFP Recommendations** - Motion to approve EIC RFP recommendations as discussed at Oct. 3, 2022 EIC meeting - Motion by Gabryel, second by Johnson, approved by voice vote.
 - i. ***ACTION ITEM: McIntyre will create a final for of the recommendations and forward to appropriate staff***
- b. **New Monarch Waystations** - Motion to approve expenditure up to \$500 for the official certification of (5) new Monarch Waystations in the Village of Westmont effective immediately - Motion by Stanulis, second by Johnson, approved by voice vote.
 - i. ***ACTION ITEM: McIntyre will connect Chorney with the Finance Department to complete this action item***
 - ii. It was stated that Lisle has there own greenhouse and are growing their own trees - Chorney suggested that the EIC discusses this at a future meeting and that the Village of Westmont considers this
 - iii. It was stated that once the new Monarch Waystations are official, we should send an update note to the Mayor as well as publish a press release on this item
 - iv. Liddle stated that she raised and released 51 Monarch Butterflies this past year, and another Westmont resident raised and released over 100; Liddle also raised and released praying mantis' this past year
- c. **Green Business & Residential Program**
 - i. McIntyre provided details regarding the creation of a Green Business & Residential Program in which community members would be encouraged to sign up and share their "green" practices, and then the top 4 "green" businesses and households would be selected and honored at a Village Board meeting in December
 - ii. Rewards for the program may be provided by Waste Management
- d. **Dark Skies Contest**
 - i. McIntyre talked about a contest/program that would be similar to the Green Business program, but maybe we consider this program at the beginning of the new year after the "Green" contest is over

- ii. It was suggested that the EIC consider a subsidy for dark sky-related purchases for residential/commercial improvements - it was stated that the village rain barrel program never sold more than 10 rain barrels a year until we offered the rain barrel subsidy, then we sold close to 200 rain barrels in one year

8. New Business

- a. **2023 EIC Meeting Schedule** - McIntyre stated that the 2023 EIC meeting schedule is slated to continue to meet on the first Monday of each month at the Village Hall at 5:30pm. Some meeting dates will be adjusted based on the holiday schedule. ***ACTION ITEM: McIntyre will share the schedule with the group for review, then confirm the schedule with Administration.***

9. Misc.

- a. Gabryel suggested that we add solar information to the website that was recommended by a resident: ***ACTION ITEM: Larry will connect with Gabryel to review***
- b. Barker asked McIntyre to review a resident question that was sent via email
- c. It was suggested the EIC-related messages be posted at the Train Station
- d. Chorney talked about following through on a previous request about having a Geocaching site at REGA

10. Adjourn - Motion by Bell, second by Johnson, meeting adjourned at 7:17pm

SECRETARY's NOTE - These minutes were approved at the December 5, 2022 EIC Meeting.