



Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Tuesday April 6, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Village Board Council Chambers First Floor Morton Grove Village Hall
6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove IL

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1. Call to Order/Pledge Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of March 2, 2021
3. Chair Comments
4. Staff Report:
 - Monthly Status Report
5. Committee Reports
 - Program and Events
 - Recap of March 11, 2021 meeting
 - Passport to Greener Morton Grove
 - Student Engagement
 - September 11, 2021 Expo
 - Next Meeting April 15
 - Marketing and Publicity
 - Recap of March 16, 2021 meeting
 - Future Meetings- April 8 & May 18
6. Old Business –
 - Earth Month Newsletter and Activities
 - May 15, 2021 Recycling Event 9:00am -Noon at Public Works
7. New Business -
8. Commissioner Comments:
9. Upcoming Meeting Dates
 - Tuesday, May 4, 2021 6:00 pm
10. Audience Comments
11. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 2, 2021
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson Georgianne Bruner. Secretary Jacqueline Meracle called the role.

Commissioners Present: Brunner, Corelli, Hoffman, Karp, Laliwala, Lebeau, Schultz

Commissioners Absent: None

Guest: Jan Pietron, Sarah Tag

Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Ralph Czerwinski, Joe Dahm

Trustees Present: Janine Witko

Chairperson Brunner proceeded to seek approval of the February 2, 2021 minutes and for all commission members to confirm they were able to hear. Commissioner Corelli moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2021. Commissioner Lebeau seconded the motion.

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	aye
Commissioner Laliwala voting	aye
Commissioner Lebeau voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	aye
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Minutes approved.

Chairperson Brunner announced the resignation of Commissioners Maloney and Schultz and introduced Jan Pietron and Sarah Tag who were to be sworn in as new commissioners at the March 8, 2021 Village Board Meeting.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Joe Dahm presented the following staff update report

Water Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Educate user about water conservation		
	Reduce Village-wide water consumption by 10% by 2026		
	Regularly exercise water main valves		
	Continue to incorporate one water & sewer related sustainable project annually in capital improvement projects		
	2021 Goals	Current Status	Completion
	Implement Water Meter Software Upgrade	MG IT Is integrating data	August 2021
	Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Ave. Phase 2	Begin Lining April, 2021	June 2021
	Lining of Watermain – 800 ft (Albert Ave.)	Contract with Fer Pel	June 2021
	Water Main Replacement – 2,300 ft (Main Street)	In Design	November 2021
	Aquify Water Main Monitoring Program	Evaluation	Ongoing
	Annual System Leak Survey	Bidding in September	November 2021
	Emerson & Capri Sewer Separation	In Design	August 2021
	Annual Sewer Lining Program	Contract with Insituform	June 2021 & Oct.2021
Air Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about improving and protecting air quality		
	Promote and improve public transit options		
	Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure		
	2021 Goals	Current Status	Completion
	Village Public Electric Car Charging Station	In Design Quote –Charge Point	April 2021
	Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station	Installed	April 2021
	Pace new rapid transit service – Pulse on Dempster St	Design Review	Dec. 2021
	Evaluate Village Vehicles – reduce emissions	Underway	Ongoing
Energy Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about improving energy conservation and alternate energy source opportunities		
	Continue Green Electric Aggregation Program with Renewal Energy Credits (REC)		
	Streetlight Bulb Replacement with LED bulbs Energy Use Reduction		
	Municipal Facility - Green Practices - LED bulbs - power usage controls - infrastructure upgrades for energy conservation		
	2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
	Grant Application Waukegan Rd – Streetlights to LED	Under Review	Ongoing
	Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas.	In Design	Aug, 2021
	South Pumping Station Pump Replacement	In Design	August 2021
Land Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about sustainable land use and land use strategies		
	Continue Parkway Tree Planting Programs		
	Continue Tree City Certification		
	Continue French Market Contract Implemented to Continue Framer's Market		
	2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
	Pursue Transit Oriented Development	Planning	Ongoing
	Site Remediation – Development Sites	Planned	Ongoing
	Native Plantings at Sawmill	Planning	May 2021
	Plant 200 Parkway Trees	Trees Ordered-50/50 & Other Sites	May 2021
	Enhance open space near Train Station	Planning	November 2021
	Tree City Certification –Year 20	MG Qualified & Certified for 2020	February 2021
	Updating of Parkway Tree Inventory	80% complete	June 2021
	Safe Routes to School Grants	Planning	Ongoing
Waste Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about sustainable waste programs		
	Increase the diversion of waste from landfills		

2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
Create a recycling instruction booklet	Organize with Commission	Open
E-waste Collection & Shredding Event	Planning (COVID Concerns)	Possibly Fall
Evaluate Recycling – Clothing	Research Phase	Open
Evaluate Recycling – Construction & Demolition	Research Phase	Open
Evaluate Pumpkin Smash Event	Research Phase	Nov. 2021

Mr. Dahm also stated as a follow up from last month's meeting that there were currently 23 residents participating in the Collective Resource food scrap program and this is expected to increase in the Spring. He also reported information on Groot's composting program.

Commissioner Schultz asked if Thelen's composting products can be purchased by the public.

Mr. Dahm stated these can be purchased.

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski presented the following summary of planned Earth Day events.

- Earth Day Events
 - ComEd – Free Home Energy Assessments - <https://www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/SingleFamily.aspx>
- Sustainability Bingo - There are four available:
 - Make an Impact from Home
 - Curb Waste at Home
 - Reduce Energy at Home
 - Transportation
- National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation – Wyland Foundation Example
- Fall Event
 - Pumpkin Smash to Avoid Landfill Impact - Details Link - <https://www.scarce.org/pumpkins/>
- Hazardous Waste & Shedding Event - Sustainability Expo - Fall 2021 (COVID Contingent)

Commissioner Corelli asked where the sustainability expo might be held.

Mr. Czerwinski stated either the Civic Center or the Public Works building on Nagle Avenue.

Commissioner Corelli stated she would like to see publicity to encourage the elimination of plastic bags.

Commissioner Schultz suggested a Village ordinance to reduce or eliminate the use of plastic waste, including restaurant take out materials.

Ms. Tag stated that a competition amongst the schools would be a great way to get both young people and their parents involved.

Commissioner Schultz stated that getting the faith communities involved would help with promotion as

well.

Old Business

Chairperson Brunner reviewed the subcommittee assignments.

Commissioner Laliwalla stated that Morton Grove Public Works had done a phenomenal job with snow removal throughout the recent storms.

Chairperson Brunner then asked for any other comments. Hearing none, Commissioner LeBeau moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hoffman.

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	aye
Commissioner Laliwala voting	aye
Commissioner Lebeau voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	aye
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Minutes By: Jacqueline Meracle