



## Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Tuesday May 4, 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 April 6, 2021
3. Chair Comments
4. Staff Report:
  - Monthly Status Report
5. Upcoming Events –
  - Passport to Greener Morton Grove – Choose raffle winners
  - Kids for Greener Morton Grove May 7 – May 28
    - Program Details, Marketing Updates
  - Recycling Event May 15, 2021 – 9:00am –Noon at Public Works
    - Volunteer Sign-up
  - Sustainability Expo – Sept 11, 2021 9-noon at Civic Center
6. Committee Reports
  - Program and Events
    - Recap of April 15, 2021 meeting
    - Next Meeting May 20, 2021 6pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month)
  - Marketing and Publicity
    - Recap of April 8, 2021 meeting
    - Future Meetings- May 18, 2021 6pm
7. Other Business -
8. Commissioner Comments:
9. Next Meeting -
  - Tuesday, June 1, 2021 6:00 pm
10. Audience Comments
11. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 6, 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, Laliwala, Pietron, Tag

Commissioners Absent: Karp, Lebeau, Schultz

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

Trustees Present: Janine Witko

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

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	absent
Commissioner Laliwala voting	aye
Commissioner Lebeau voting	absent
Commissioner Pietron voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	absent
Commissioner Tag voting	aye
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Minutes approved.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Joe Dahm presented the following staff update report

## Staff Report - Sustainability Goals & Progress – April, 2021

Water Strategies	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	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		
	<b>2021 Goals</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Implement Water Meter Software Upgrade	MG IT is integrating data-On Schedule	August 2021
	Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Ave. Phase 2	In process and On Schedule	June 15, 2021
	Lining of Watermain – 800 ft (Albert Ave.)	Contract with Fer Pel Start-4/5/21	June 2021
	Water Main Replacement – 2,300 ft (Main Street)	In Design Completed 1st Meeting	November 2021
	Aquify Water Main Monitoring Program	Evaluation – No new information	Ongoing
Air Strategies	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	Provide education about improving and protecting air quality		
	Promote and improve public transit options		
	Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure		
	<b>2021 Goals</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
Energy Strategies	Village Public Electric Car Charging Station	In Design Quote –Charge Point	April 2021
	Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station	2 Installed – 4 coming in the future	April 2021
	Pace new rapid transit service – Pulse on Dempster St	Design Review	Dec. 2021
	Evaluate Village Vehicles – reduce emissions	Ford F-150 Checking on Hybrid Pick-Up	Ongoing
	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
Land Strategies	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		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Grant Application Waukegan Rd – Streetlights to LED	Under Review-No Report	Ongoing
	Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas.	In Design	Aug. 2021
	South Pumping Station Pump Replacement	In Design – Construction in October	August 2021
	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	Provide education about sustainable land use and land use strategies		
Waste Strategies	Continue Parkway Tree Planting Programs		
	Continue Tree City Certification		
	Continue French Market Contract Implemented to Continue Framer's Market		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	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	90% complete	June 2021
	Safe Routes to School Grants	Planning	Ongoing
	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	Provide education about sustainable waste programs		
	Increase the diversion of waste from landfills		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Create a recycling instruction booklet	Organize with Commission	Open
	E-waste Collection & Shredding Event	Location of Event – Pubic Works	Scheduled for May 15th
	Evaluate Recycling – Clothing	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Recycling – Construction & Demolition	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Pumpkin Smash Event	Research Phase	Nov. 2021

### Committee Reports

Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston reported that the Program and Events Committee had met on March 11<sup>th</sup> and planned to have another public meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The mayor's challenge, passport to a greener Morton Grove and ComEd Energy assistance programs were discussed as part of Earth Month activities.

Village Administrator Czerwinski stated he had reached out to all local schools to encourage involvement in the passport program with MEC, District 60, and District 67 interested.

Commissioner Hoffman stated there should be a way to include parents and entire families in the passport program.

Commissioner Tag stated there was also discussion about putting together green office competitions.

Mrs. Liston stated there were also discussions on hosting a sustainability expo on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Liston then reported that the Marketing and Publicity Committee had met to establish goals. They planned to meet again on April 8<sup>th</sup> in a public forum where Morton Grove IT Director Boyle Wong would join to discuss ways to enhance visibility for commission efforts on the Village's website.

Commissioner Tag asked if the option to opt out of receiving the paper newsletter was available.

Mr. Czerwinski stated that this was currently not possible with bulk mail procedures, noting this was more cost effective and efficient as the newsletter is addressed to "Postal Customer" and not individuals.

Mrs. Liston stated that the French Market would be re-opening on June 12<sup>th</sup> and there may be an opportunity for volunteers to host a table.

Mr. Dahm stated there were plans to add at least one car charging station at the Civic Center and there are plans for several at Sawmill Station.

### Old Business

Chairperson Brunner asked how much volunteer assistance would be needed for the recycling event.

Mr. Dahm stated that Public Works and the Civic Center staff would be running the event.

Commissioner Tag asked if there were ways for the Commission to be involved in the tree mapping program.

Mr. Dahm stated that the Village Arborist was in the process of completing the mapping and creating a concise report of why certain areas were open. He noted once this is complete, the arborist will present

to the commission.

Mr. Czerwinski reported that feedback had been received that the newsletter was not senior friendly and too web focused and the village is seeking a friendly balance for all residents.

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

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	absent
Commissioner Laliwala voting	aye
Commissioner Lebeau voting	absent
Commissioner Pietron voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	absent
Commissioner Tag voting	aye
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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Minutes By: Jacqueline Meracle