



Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Tuesday October 5, 2021 - 6:00 PM

2nd Floor Scanlon Conference Room

6101 Capulina Morton Grove, IL 60053

1. Call to Order/Pledge Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2021
3. Chair Comments:
4. Staff Report:
 - Monthly Status Report
5. Upcoming Events:
6. Subcommittee Reports and Action Items
 - Program and Events
 - Marketing and Publicity
 - E-newsletter article
7. Other Business:
8. Commissioner Comments:
9. Next Meeting:
 - Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:00 pm
10. Audience Comments
11. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

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 Brunner. Secretary Jacqueline Meracle called the role.

Commissioners Present: Brunner, Corelli, Hoffman, Karp, Laliwala, Noormohamed, Pietron, Schultz

Commissioners Absent: Tag

Trustees Present: Janine Witko

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

Chairperson Brunner proceeded to seek approval of the August 3, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Schultz moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021. Commissioner Karp seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Brunner stated that at Morton Grove Labor Days the previous weekend, she was informed that recycle is done at these big events and Groot takes the bins to their facility in Elk Grove to be sorted. She also welcomed Usma Noormohamed as a new member to the commission.

Staff Reports

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski presented the following report:

Staff Report - Sustainability Goals & Progress – September, 2021

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
	Sensus Analytics Water Meter Software Upgrade	New system now working side-by-side existing meter reading system	August 2021
	Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Ave. Phase 2	Completed to Crain Street and Harlem Avenue	Completed
	Lining of Watermain – 800 ft (Albert Ave.)	Completed on 5/14/2021	Completed
	Water Main Replacement – 2,300 ft (Main Street)	Work Started on 8/30/2021	October, 2021
	Aquify Water Main Monitoring Program	Wait for progress reports	Ongoing

	Annual System Leak Survey	Bidding in September	November 2021
	Emerson & Capri Sewer Separation	Completing Design Comments, Searching funding sources	TBD
	Annual Sewer Lining Program – Contract No. 1-Churchill Av.	Lining Complete on Churchill	Completed
	Annual Sewer Lining Program – Contract No. 2	Lining to begin in 8/23	September, 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 – Oakton Street Sidewalk Project (Safe Routes to School)		
	2021 Goals	Current Status	Completion
	Civic Center Public Electric Car Charging Station	Geary Electric to install one Clipper Creek Charging unit. (Current availability issues)	September, 2021
	Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station	2 Installed – 4 coming in the future	2021
	Pace new rapid transit service – Pulse on Dempster St	2 Relocations of Pace Shelters	Dec. 2021
	Evaluate Village Vehicles – reduce emissions	Adding Hybrids/Electric to future list	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-No Report	Ongoing
	Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas.	Continue with bidding in 2021 Generator lead-time availability issue.	March, 2022
	South Pumping Station VFD Motor/ Pump Replacement	Project cost increase. Moving project 2022	Budget Year, 2022

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	All Trees planted for 2021	May 5, 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	Tree Inventory available on Village website	September 2021
	Safe Routes to School Grants	Planning / Status	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 – Public Works This location provided better storage for cars waiting on Natchez Av. Program will continue at Public Works in May, 2022.	483 cars dropped off paper and e-waste during this successful event. Tonnage amount to follow from SWANCC	Completed
	Groot Annual Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Program	95 Gal and 65 Gal. Total of 26	Ongoing
	Collective Resource Food Scrap Program	39 Morton Grove Residents to date.	Ongoing
	Evaluate Recycling – Clothing	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Recycling – Construction & Demolition	Research Phase	Open

	Evaluate Pumpkin Smash Event	Location of event – North End of Harrer Park	November 6, 2021
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Special Event Strategies	Sustainability Expo – Saturday, September 11, 2021		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Vendors attending event • Brochures out and available • Weather looks good 		

Upcoming Events

Corporation Counsel Liston thanked the commission and village staff for putting together a very nice sustainability event, especially for the first time. The ENRC will be there as ambassadors and to run the event. Publicity has been running Facebook ads, placing signs at 4 way stops, and placing banners throughout the village promoting the expo.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if there would be any media there.

Administrator Czerwinski stated that a press release was issued and calls had been received from Pioneer Press and Tribune Media.

Chair Brunner thanked everyone for their hard work and noted that the publicity was getting noticed and looked very good.

Chair Brunner then asked what the committee could do to support the planned pumpkin smash event.

Administrator Czerwinski stated the village was currently looking at mechanisms to smash the pumpkins. The North end of Harrer Park was being sourced as the location but this has not been confirmed. Staff envisions this as a family friendly event to get together with some fun activity and food.

Corporation Counsel Liston encouraged the commission to reach out to staff with any ideas regarding the pumpkin smash event.

Marketing and Publicity

Commissioner Schultz stated that the commission would like to publish articles in the e news about

green yard maintenance and reducing your salt usage in the wintertime.

Corporation Counsel Liston stated that she would like the subcommittee to put together a marketing calendar for 2022. She will be sending out a group email to recruit more members of the subcommittee.

Other Business

Administrator Czerwinski stated that the Safe Routes to School project has been an ongoing effort for the last 5 years. The project cost is estimated at approximately \$4,000,000. Cook County has provided the funds to cover engineering which is about 80% complete. The Village has been earmarked to receive almost \$3,000,000 from Federal Funding for which shovel ready engineering is a prerequisite. The Village is working with Niles to cover the remaining \$700,000 of cost. Staff has drafted a letter of support template that will be posted on the website.

Commissioner Schultz asked if it was still accurate that letters of support needed to be in by September 22nd.

Administrator Czerwinski stated that was correct. He also noted that Safe Routes to Schools funding was only applicable for K-8 schools, so while this would help Niles West the funding does not apply specifically to that community and references to Niles West would be ignored.

Chairperson Brunner stated that this could be promoted at the commissions table at the Sustainability Expo.

Commissioner Corelli noted that the signage promoting the expo was fabulous.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm but unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Jacqueline Meracle