



Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Tuesday February 7, 2022 - 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 - December 6, 2022
3. CHAIR COMMENTS:
 - A. Introduce new member: Kim Moldofsky
 - B. Introduce Trustee Liason: Ashur Shiba
4. STAFF REPORT:
 - A. Monthly Status Report
5. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
 - A. Weekly E-news articles
 - B. Earth Month Activities
 - i. Newsletter
 - a. To be mailed to all postal customers before April 1
 - b. To include Recycling insert
 - ii. Mayor's Water Challenge
 - iii. Crayon and Marker Recycling
 - a. To begin in April and continue through June
 - C. Village Clean-Up Event
 - i. Date in May – TBD
 - ii. Discuss logistics Discuss Marketing
 - D. Electronic & Document Recycling Event
 - i. Date in May – TBD
 - ii. Same location as last year (Public Works Yard)
 - E. Tree Walk
 - i. Date in June - TBD
 - F. 2023 Expo
 - i. Date in September – TBD
 - ii. Letter to past participants
 - G. Pumpkin Smash
 - i. Date in November - TBD
6. OTHER BUSINESS:
 - A. Commissioner development of other programs
7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
8. MEETING SCHEDULE:
 - A. April 4, 2023
 - B. June 6, 2023
 - C. August 1, 2023
 - D. October 3, 2023
 - E. December 5, 2023
9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:
10. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES OF THE December 6, 2022
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 Teresa Hoffman Liston called the role.

Commissioners Present: Christine Corelli, Sarah Tag, Andrew Hoffman, Jan Pietron, Tariq Laliwala

Commissioners Absent: Georgie Brunner, Yvette Karp

Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Ralph Czerwinski, Janine Witko

Guest: Kim Moldofsky

Terry Liston proceeded to seek approval of the September 6, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022. Commissioner Pietron seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Ralph Czerwinski presented the following report:

Water Strategies:

- Annual Leak survey continues.
- Capri Avenue resurfacing continues, partially completed.
- Annual Sewer Lining program – completed pre-constructions meeting
- Northwest Water Commission Water Supply Main Project – seeking funding for emergency supply.
 - Main street project
 - Albert Street

Air Strategies:

- As of September 7, 2022, 160 homes have had solar panels installed.
- Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station 2 installed with more to come.
- Oakton Street Pedestrian Bike Path - Construction to start Spring 2023
- Pace new rapid transit service – Pulse on Dempster St & Austin Av. In front of Sawmill Station apartments on Dempster under construction now. 2 Relocations of Pace Shelters

Energy Savings:

- Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas. - Under contract with Electrical Contractor. Waiting for Generator on order – 53 Weeks out.

Land Strategies:

- Continue Tree City Certification
- Plant 111 Parkway Trees
- Editing Tree Canopy Map

Waste Strategies:

- In 2022 – 22% of the waste that was collected was recyclables. We aim to increase this percentage by creating better educational tools for residents to understand what to recycle. Earth month newsletter will focus on this.
- Pumpkin Smash – 2.15 TONS of pumpkins collected

Terry Liston Presented 2022 Programs Survey Results:

Overall commissioners had a positive review of programs from 2022. Some additional comments were made about the following:

Sustainability Expo: The second year did not get the same response from vendors as anticipated. Many businesses were unable to attend due to staffing issues. Commissioners need to work together to help re-vamp the expo to make it more engaging for families and get creative with vendor participation.

Mayors Water Challenge: it's a simple program that helps educate the community on water conservation. It doesn't cost us anything to participate. Maybe we can figure out ways to get schools involved to increase participation.

Crayon Recycling: Was very popular and we plan to extend it till the end of the school year.

Greener Morton Grove Contest: Need to build on the program and figure out how to expand the program.

Electronic Recycling: Its was a huge success and great response from community.

Programs and Events

Terry Liston went over the calendar of events for next year. Was noted that the Tree Walk was not included on the Calendar and will be included.

Commissioner Corelli would like to see the Village host a big event for Earth Day that gets the whole community involved. An idea would be a community clean up event or event a "Walk for the Earth" event.

Commissioner Tag mentioned trying to get student and kids to participate in Earth Month. Create a contest to get the kids excited. An idea was brought up to give high school students service learning hours for their participation in certain programs.

Terry Liston encouraged Commissioners to come up with a plan for each idea and a way that the Village can implement it.

Commissioner Corelli wants to try to get the Illinois Farm Bureau to join the Sustainability Expo and talk about sustainable farming.

Commissioners Hoffman talked to the group about a program from Go Green Morton Grove where they select a day during Earth Month for a community clean up. Everyone then brings what they collected to a central location to throw away. They make it fun by hosting a “party” afterwards. It might be something the Village can adopt.

Another idea that was brought up was to do a SWANCC facility tour with the commission. It would also be a great idea to have an exhibit at the expo that shows videos of how our garbage and recycling is processed.

Commissioners also wanted to figure out a way to get the library involved in Village Programs to encourage more participation.

Ralph Czerwinski brought up the idea of doing a Village Clean Up Day on Earth Day which is April 22, 2023. Groups can come together and sign up for specific areas to clean and host a party after. The Commissioners will select a date for the event when the weather is better and can begin the planning process to advertise it in the Earth Month Newsletter.

Commissioner Tag also wanted to include Earth Hour as something the Village can participate in.

Other Business:

The meetings will now be held every other month on the 1st Tuesday of each month beginning in February.

Adjournment:

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Laliwala moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Tag.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Saba Koya