

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2023
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

- 1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call:** 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: Kim Moldofsky, Christine Corelli, Jan Pietron, Georgie Brunner
Commissioners Absent: Tariq Laliwala, Sarah Tag, Andrew Hoffman,
Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Kevin Lochner, Ralph Czerwinski, Ashur Shiba
Guest: John Thill

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Chairperson Brunner proceeded to seek approval of the February 7, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Pietron moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2023 Commissioner Moldofsky seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Staff Reports:** Kevin Lochner presented the following report:

Water Strategies:

- Replacement of Watermain – 1600ft (Albert Avenue)- waiting on permitting
- Oakton Street Sanitary Sewer Installation – Austin to Lehigh – working on IDOT permitting
- Annual Sewer Lining program – Contract #1 – starts in Fall
- Annual Leak Survey is ongoing – so far 4 leaks have been found underground
- Northwest Water Commission Water Supply Main Project – seeking funding for emergency supply.
 - Main street project
 - Albert Street

Air Strategies:

- As of March 27, 2023 178 homes have had solar panels installed.
- Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station 4 installed with more to come.
- Oakton Street Pedestrian Bike Path - Construction to start Spring 2023. Working is depending on dryer weather.
- 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 Strategies:

- Fire Sta. 4 is getting new LED lighting throughout the station.
- 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:

- Tree City Certificate received
- 100 Parkway Trees being planted
- Editing Tree Canopy Map

Waste Strategies:

- Groot Annual Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Program is ongoing. We have eleven homes with 95 Gallon totes and twenty-two homes with 65-gallon totes.
- Collective Resource Food Scrap Program – 58 MG homes are registered.

4. Programs and Events

a. Weekly E-News Articles – Terry Liston asked Commissioners to continue submitting articles.

b. Earth Month Activities-

- Newsletter has been sent out.
- Mayor's Water Challenge is ongoing and all commissioners are asked to promote the pledge.
- Crayon and Marker Recycling will also continue till the end of June.

c. Village Clean-up Event-

- May 20th
- Village to put out postcard with other marketing ideas from commission members.
- Village is providing clean-up gear and lunch and refreshments will be provided.
- List of sites to be provided to commissioners.
- Commissioners to look into student participation.
- Volunteers needed

d. Electronic Recycling Event

- May 13
- Volunteers needed to check id's, count cars, hand out flyers, sign up people for newsletter. All volunteers need to sign a waiver with PW.

e. Tree Walk

- June 10
- Coordinated by Dave Hoffman and Zoe Heidorn.

f. Expo

- September 9, 2023
- Letter to past participants ready to send to vendors
- Possible Recycling Event at Expo

- Volunteers needed
- Commissioner to reach out to exhibitors and promote event.

g. Pumpkin Smash

- Date confirmed for November 4, 2023
- The turnout was less in 2022 than 2021 due to weather

Other Business:

- a. Commissioners would like to discuss the possibility of changing the Village Ordinance to allow for bee-keeping. Staff will do research and report back to the commission.
- b. Commissioner Moldofsky had a few announcements:
- Go green Morton Grove is hosting Compost Party and tour on May 13.
 - Is the Village interested in hosting a No-mow till Mother's Day initiative?
 - Village-wide composting?

Adjournment:

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Moldofsky moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Corelli.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Saba Koya