

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 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, Sarah Tag, Andrew Hoffman, Jan Pietron, Tariq Laliwala

Commissioners Absent: Georgie Brunner

Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Kevin Lochner, Ralph Czerwinski, Ashur Shiba

- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Terry Liston proceeded to seek approval of the December 12, 2022 minutes. Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2022. Commissioner Pietron 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)
- Annual Leak survey begins in the Spring
- 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 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:**

- Continue Tree City Certification
- 95 Parkway Trees being planted
- 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.
- SWANCC Recycling Right Matters Link is up on the Village’s EMRC Page.
- Groot Annual Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Program is ongoing. We have nine homes with 95 Gallon totes and twenty-two homes with 65 gallon totes.
- Collective Resource Food Scrap Program – 55 MG homes are registered.
- Electronic Recycling and Document Destruction Event Scheduled for May 13 at PW Facility.
- Pumpkin Smash – November 4 2023
- Clean the Community of Litter Day – TBD

**4. Programs and Events**

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

**b. Earth Month Activities-**

- Newsletter is underway. An insert for residents to rip out and keep on their refrigerators is anticipated to be a part of it.
- Morton Grove will participate in the Mayors Water Challenge.
- Crayon and Marker Recycling will also continue.

**c. Village Clean-up Event-**

- List of targeted areas to be put together for clean-up day.
- May 20th – tentative date to be confirmed
- Village to put out postcard with other marketing ideas from commission members.
- See if any schools are interested in participating

**d. Electronic Recycling Event**

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

**e. Tree Walk**

- Coordinated by Dave Hoffman and Zoe Heidorn.
- Date TBD

**f. Expo**

- Date confirmed for September 9, 2023
- Letter to past participants ready to send to vendors
- Additional kid friendly activities and food/concessions to be added to event.
- Commissioners to see if other communities are interested in partnering with us for our Expo.
- Commissioners to create short video to play at ENRC Table to display info about recycling and sustainability

**g. Pumpkin Smash**

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

**Other Business:**

No further business was discussed.

**Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm by unanimous voice vote.

---

Minutes By: Saba Koya