



Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Monday, April 1, 2024 - 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 – February 5, 2024
3. CHAIR COMMENTS:
 - a. Tree Regulations Report
4. STAFF REPORT - Sustainability Goals and Progress
5. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
 - a. Weekly E-news articles:

Please send proposed articles to enrc@mortongrovel.org by the first of each month.
 - b. Earth Month Activities
 - i. Newsletter
 - ii. Tree Giveaway
 - iii. Arbor Day
 - iv. Green Business Award (hosted by EDC)
 - v. Crayon Recycling – To begin April and continue through June 2024
 - c. Community Clean-Up Day – Saturday, May 18, 2024
 - d. Electronic & Document Recycling Event – Saturday, May 11, 2024
 - e. Tree Walk –Saturday, June 8, 2024
 - f. 2024 Sustainability Expo – Saturday, September 14, 2024
 - i. New This Year – Sponsorship
 - g. Pumpkin Smash – Saturday, November 2, 2024
6. OTHER BUSINESS:
7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
8. MEETING SCHEDULE: 1st Monday of even months
 - a. June 3, 2024
 - b. August 5, 2024
 - c. October 7, 2024
 - d. December 2, 2024
9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 5, 2024
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 6:06 PM by Chairperson Brunner called the role.

Commissioners Present: Kim Moldofsky, Georgie Brunner, Andrew Hoffman, Volha Liston, Tariq Puthawala, Jenny Cleary, Mark Werwath

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Tag

Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Mike Lukich, Ralph Czerwinski

- 2. Approval of Minutes:**

Terry Liston proceeded to seek approval of the December 5, 2024 minutes. Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Cleary.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Chair Comments**

Welcome new members: Volha Liston, Tariq Puthawala, and Jenny Cleary

- 4. Staff Reports:** Mike Lukich, Director of Public Works, presented the following report:

Water Strategies:

- MG-Niles Water Commission – Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Have Phase 3
- Replacement of Watermain – 1600ft (Albert Avenue)
- Oakton Sanitary Sewer Installation – Austin to Lehigh
- Cameron Avenue Water Main Replacement – 600'
- Annual Sewer Lining program – various locations.

Air Strategies:

- Oakton Street Pedestrian Bike Path – Phase I done and path is in use.
- As of January 24, 2024, 249 homes have had solar panels installed.
- 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.
- South Pumping Station – budget approved for 2024 LED lights installation
- North Pumping Station – variable frequency drive conversion for pump #2 – budget approved for 2024 purchase.

- Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas. - Under contract with Electrical Contractor. Generator delivery delay.

Land Strategies:

- Tree Trimming Winter Program
- 142 Trees Planted (95 trees planted under the 50/50 program)
- 37 Evergreen trees from Adopt a Planter program and 10 tree replacements.
- Tree City Certification
- Updating Parkway Tree inventory

Waste Strategies:

- In 2023 – 22% of the waste that was collected was recyclables.
- Groot Annual Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Program is ongoing.
- Food Scrap Program – Wastenot Compost Inc was awarded the 2024 contract
- Pumpkin Smash – Nov 2, 2024, North end of Harrer Park

5. Programs and Events:

Terry Liston talked about the plans for Earth Month. An Earth Month newsletter will be going out. In the newsletter we include information for all the various programs and events going on this year which include:

- Tree Giveaway
- Green Business Award
- Crayon Recycling
- Clean-up Day
- Electronic Recycling and Document Destruction
- Tree Walk
- Sustainability Expo (seeking sponsors)
- Mayor's Water Challenge Postponed as the program is on hold by the Wyland Foundation.
- Pumpkin Smash

Commissioner Puthawala suggested a green award for neighbors and individuals who are doing eco friendly things in their neighborhoods and homes.

Chairperson Brunner suggested to continue the Recycling Fest at the Expo which was a great hit and big attraction among guests.

Commissioner Moldofsky suggested having the food pantry at the Pumpkin Smash to collect food items that were still in good condition.

6. Other Business

Terry Liston talked about The Village's interest in reviewing its tree regulations to create a Tree Ordinance. Working with Commissioner Hoffman on this and there will be more information to come as its being developed.

Chairperson Brunner reminded the Commissioner that Commission Appreciation Night is coming up February 29, 2024. Please RSVP if you haven't already.

7. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Moldofsky ask what a quorum is now for the Commission. Terry Liston responded that it would be 5 as there are 8 members in the group and reminded Commissioners to follow all Open Meeting Act regulations and be careful how we have discussions amongst ourselves.
- Commissioner Puthawala asked if there are any other awards the Village can participate in? Is there a way to find out what else we can do to be recognized in the community? Terry Liston responded that the Mayors Water Challenge was something we participated in and Tree City Award. More research can be done for other awards and recognitions we can participate in.
- Terry Liston mentioned we like to get more kids involved in activities and can use the commissions help in recruiting. Ralph Czerwinski mentioned that there hasn't been a lot of success with school administrators in coordinating with the Village. It takes effort from the commission to get things done. Chairperson Brunner suggested talking to the PTA at schools to get them involved.
- Commissioner Werwath mentioned that the Village can try to partner up with other local EV groups to have events and learn more. College students are also a great resource for volunteers.

8. Next Meeting:

Monday April 1, 2024

9. Audience Comments:

10. Adjournment:

Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cleary.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Saba Koya