



Environment and Natural Resources Commission

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Monday, June 3, 2024 - 6:00 PM

2nd Floor Scanlon Conference Room

6101 Capulina Morton Grove, IL 60053

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL
 - a. Welcome new member Ibrahim Khan
 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2024
 3. CHAIR COMMENTS:
 4. STAFF REPORT
 5. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
 - a. Weekly E-news articles:
 - i. Thanks Andrew Hoffman and Jenny Cleary
 - ii. Please send proposed articles to enrc@mortongroveil.org by the first of each month.
 - b. Earth Month Activities
 - i. Newsletter
 - ii. Tree Giveaway-
 - o 95 trees were given away to be planted throughout the Village
 - iii. Green Business Award (hosted by EDC)
 - o Presented to Parkview School, MCC, WasteNot Composting, and Catering by Michael
 - iv. Crayon Recycling – To begin April and continue through June 2024
 - c. Community Clean-Up Day – Saturday, May 18, 2024
 - i. 55 participants received tee shirts and lunch. 15 sites cleaned
 - ii. Thank you to Tariq Puthawala, Andrew Hoffman, Volha Liston and Jenny Cleary
 - d. Electronic & Document Recycling Event – Saturday, May 11, 2024
 - i. *530 cars dropped off two (2) semi-loads of electronics (15,762 lbs. or ~7.8 tons) and two (2) semi-loads of paper documents (11,000 lbs. or ~5.5 tons), successfully diverting over 13 tons of items from landfills*
 - e. Tree Walk –Saturday, June 8, 2024
 - f. 2024 Sustainability Expo – Saturday, September 14, 2024
 - i. Sponsorship
 - o See attached Sponsor Flyer
 - o Thank you Volha Liston and Morton Grove Jewelers
 - ii. Exhibitors
 - o 16 exhibitors signed up to date.
 - Pumpkin Smash – Saturday, November 2, 2024
6. OTHER BUSINESS:
7. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:
8. MEETING SCHEDULE: 1st Monday of even months
 - a. August 5, 2024
 - b. October 7, 2024
 - c. December 2, 2024
9. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 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, Andrew Hoffman, Volha Liston, Jenny Cleary, Mark Werwath

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Tag, Georgie Brunner, Tariq Puthawala,

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

2. Approval of Minutes:

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

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

3. Chair Comments

In absence of Chairperson Brunner, Terry Liston gave the following report:

- Earth Month Newsletter has been distributed. Check it out and let us know if you have any feedback. This year there was a kids explorer kit available to any Morton Grove children who took the sustainability pledge.
- The Village will be doing an International Compost Week Proclamation.
- The Village is working on putting together a Tree Ordinance. A Committee has been formed to review the needs of the Village for this. Working off examples from local municipalities with Tree Ordinances and other resources we hope to put something together for Morton Grove.

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

Water Strategies:

- Replacement of Watermain – 1600ft (Albert Avenue). Installation completed; next step is water to be pressure tested.
- Oakton Sanitary Sewer Installation – Austin to Lehigh. Anticipate this to begin in May and be completed in a week or two.

Energy Savings:

- South Pumping Station – LED lighting project completed.
- Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas. – Completed

Land Strategies:

- 50/50 tree planting program to begin. 95 trees have been ordered.

Waste Strategies:

- Groot annual yard waste/ Food Scrap program is ongoing. The
- Food Scrap Program – WasteNot- 95 residents signed up.

5. Programs and Events:

Terry Liston talked about the plans for Earth Month. In the newsletter we include information for all the various programs and events going on and asked commissioners to keep promoting the events.

- Tree Giveaway – 50 residents signed up so far, if all trees are not adopted then the trees will be donated to the Park District, Zoo, Botanic Gardens or other areas in the Village.
- Green Business Award – will be limited to businesses and local organizations.
- Crayon Recycling – on going until end of June
- Electronic Recycling and Document Destruction – May 11, volunteers needed.
- Community Garage Sale – June 7-9. New this year is a space for people in condos to sell their items in the Village Hall parking lot.
- Community Clean-up Day – May 18, 2024- volunteers needed.
- Tree Walk
- Sustainability Expo
 - Seeking sponsors and exhibitors
 - Commissioner Moldofsky would like the Commissioners to bring in sponsors who are committed to green initiatives.
 - Any new ideas for the expo are welcomed.
- Mayor's Water Challenge Postponed as the program is on hold by the Wyland Foundation.
- Pumpkin Smash

6. Other Business - none**7. Commissioner Comments:**

- Trustee Shiba asked if the Village has looked into purchasing electric vehicles as part of its fleet? Mike Lukich said at PW they are looking into the logistics of doing this for some vehicles. Same thing with PD.
- Commissioner Moldofsky asked how many homes have solar in the Village. Mike Lukich responded as of March; the Village has 258 homes with solar.
- Discussion continued regarding other ideas of how going electric can benefit home and vehicle owners.
- Terry Liston asked Commissioners to email and send her their ideas and suggestion for the Expo.

8. Next Meeting:

Monday June 3, 2024

9. Audience Comments: None

10. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Saba Koya