

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 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 6:07 PM by Chairperson Brunner called the role.

Commissioners Present: Kim Moldofsky, Georgie Brunner, Andrew Hoffman

Commissioners Absent: Sarah Tag

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

Guests: Susan Morse, Jason Lowfer, Jenny Cleary

- 2. Approval of Minutes:**

Terry Liston proceeded to seek approval of the August 1, 2023 minutes. Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Moldofsky.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

- 3. Chair Comments**

Resignation of Commissioner Corelli and Commissioner Pietron

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

Water Strategies:

- MG-Niles Water Commission – Lining Water Supply Line project has started
- Replacement of Watermain – 1600ft (Albert Avenue)
- Oakton Sanitary Sewer Installation – IDOT permit review
- Cameron Avenue Water Main Replacement – to be done near end of 2024
- Annual Leak survey begins in the Spring
- Annual Sewer Lining program – various locations.

Air Strategies:

- Oakton Street Pedestrian Bike Path – Phase I done
- As of November 27, 2023, 244 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
- Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas. - Under contract with Electrical Contractor.

Land Strategies:

- Tree Trimming Winter Program
- 142 Trees Planted
- Tree City Certification
- Updating Parkway Tree inventory

Waste Strategies:

- In 2023 – 21% 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 – 544 Pumpkins Collected

5. Programs and Events:

Terry Liston thanked the commission for all their efforts in 2023 for all the programs and events held. They were all a great success and based off of feedback from the commission all the programs will continue in 2024.

6. Other Business

- The 2024 meeting dates will be scheduled for the 1st Monday of every even month.
- Commissioner Moldofsky spoke regarding the meeting schedule and expressed a desire to meet monthly. Terry Liston mentioned that they Commission can hold special meetings if needed.
- Commissioner Hoffman expressed an interest in the Village to look into passing a Tree Ordinance in the Village. He mentioned many resources area available to help aid the Village in developing an Ordinance.

7. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Moldofsky invited the commissioner to join in an upcoming webinar hosted by Go Green Morton Grove in collaboration with Wastenot Composting to talk about the services being provide in the Village.

Commissioner Moldofsky also mentioned she recently learned about the Villages rodent control program and was very impressed with the service offered and hopes the Village can do more to get the word out on the program.

8. Next Meeting:

Monday February 5, 2024

9. Audience Comments:

- Jason Lawfer asked the Village to update the meeting schedule on its website.
- Jenny Cleary wanted to show support for a Tree Ordinance in the Village.

10. Adjournment:

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm by unanimous voice vote.

Minutes By: Saba Koya

APPROVED