

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2025,  
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (ENRC)  
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

1. **Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call:** Pursuant to proper notice and in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Commission was called to order at 6:01 PM. Terry Liston called the roll:

**Commissioners Present:** Jenny Cleary, Sarah Tag Georgie Brunner, Andrew Hoffman, Volha Liston, Kim Moldofsky,

**Commissioners Absent:** Tariq Puthawala Ibrahim Khan

**Village Staff Present:** Terry Liston Mike Lukich

**Guests:** None

2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Cleary moved to approve the minutes of February 3 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moldofsky and approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. **Chair Comments:** Chairperson Brunner welcomed Sara Tag back to the Commission. She thanked Terry Liston for serving as staff liaison to the Commission since its inception.
4. **Staff Report:** Mike Lukich, Director of Public Works, provided a review of Staff activity since February. In response to questions from the Commissioners, he noted that the annual Tree Planting ceremony would occur at Edison School at 1:00pm. A tree would be planted at the school and students would be provided saplings to plant at home. He agreed to provide information about the thermal input for the new HVAC systems at both Fire Stations. He also confirmed that due to the grant provided by USDA, 225 additional trees would be planted this year. He also noted that a recycling and composting program was being initiated for Village owned buildings.
5. **Programs and Events:**
  - **Earth Month Activities:** The Commission complimented staff and especially Ms. Heidorn for the Earth Month newsletter.
  - **Adopt A Block:** Ms. Liston introduced the new Adopt a Block program and displayed a sample kit which would be given to each participating group. In response to questions, Ms. Liston said groups could begin signing up now. A discussion ensued about encouraging businesses to sign up for the program, the need to clean up the area to the south and east of the Sawmill apartment garage, and to provide tee shirts to participants (no consensus was reached).
  - **Crayon Recycling:** Ms. Liston said that there will be no significant change to this year's crayon recycling program, which typically begins in April and runs through early summer with many crayons being recycled at the end of the school year.
  - **Morton Grove Greener Business Awards:** Five applications had been received, and the winners will be announced at the April 22, 2025, Village Board meeting. The Commissioners were encouraged to attend the meeting.
  - **2025 Events:** Chair Brunner reviewed the 2025 event calendar, which includes SWANCC's Document Destruction & Electronics Recycling Event on May 10, the annual Tree Walk and the Sustainability Expo on September 13, and the Pumpkin Smash on November 8. Commissioner Moldofsky asked if the Pumpkin Smash event could incorporate a Halloween Costume Collection table where residents could donate costumes which would be given to the Township Food Pantry.
6. **Other Business:**
  - **Tree Ordinance:** The Commissioners reviewed the Tree Ordinance Flyer.

**7. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Tag asked if the Village would assist residents remove invasive species like buckthorn trees from their property. Mr. Lukich explained the difficulty of subsidizing tree removal work on private property.
- Commissioner Hoffman thanked Terry Liston for her service.
- Commissioner Cleary asked about residents trimming and cutting parkway trees on either Crain St. or Carol Avenue. Mr. Lukich asked for more information which would be forwarded to Code Enforcement.
- Commissioner Moldofsky ask if the Village could facilitate the installation of bike racks on Waukegan Road near the new Café 44.

**8. Next Meeting:** Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

**9. Audience Comments: None**

**10. Adjournment:** Hearing no further comments, Commissioner Tag moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoffman and approved by a unanimous voice vote at 6:51pm.

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Minutes By: Terry Liston