



**Environment and Natural Resources Commission
EVENTS AND PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Agenda and Meeting Notice

Thursday April 15, 2021 - 6:00 PM

Village Board Council Chambers First Floor Morton Grove Village Hall
6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove IL

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Agenda

1. Call to Order/Pledge Allegiance/Roll Call
2. Chair Comments
3. Staff Report
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Audience Comments
6. Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2021
EVENTS AND PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCE COMMISSION**

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Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by staff liaison Terry Liston In attendance were:

Members: Yvette Karp, Sarah Tag, Andrew Hoffman, Christine Corelli (all via Zoom)
Absent: Jan Pietron
Georgianne Brunner (ex-officio)
Village Staff : Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston (in person)
Public Works Director Joe Dahm, (via Zoom)
Guests: None

Terry Liston gave a brief summary of the planned Earth Month activities and updates since the March 2, 2021 ENRC meeting as follow:

- The Village will send out a special Earth Month newsletter to all residents. Andrew asked if he could opt out of receiving a paper copy of the newsletter, Terry explained this was cost prohibitive as the Village receives a favorable postage rate by sending the newsletter to all Morton Grove postal customers. The newsletter will feature:
 - Information about the [Wyland Foundation's national "Mayors Challenge to Conserve Water"](#) Morton Grove residence will be asked to log-on and take a short pledge as to how they will conserve water and energy. Residents in cities with the highest percentage of people taking the pledge will be eligible to win a series of prizes and a local charity will win a Toyota Highlander.
 - *Passport to a Greener Morton Grove* game which consist of four "passports" which list nine different activities to save water and energy. Families that check off at least six of the nine activities can send their completed passport to the Village to be entered into a drawing. Terry Liston showed sample pictures of the passports which were still being developed. A discussion then ensued as to how to get school children involved in this activity. Terry Liston will check with Village administrator Ralph Czerwinski to see if the principals and superintendents of local schools would either help promote the program or give us permission to market the program directly to students and teachers. Sarah Tag offered to assist with developing and implementing a classroom focused marketing campaign for this game.
 - Commonwealth Edison is offering a free in person or virtual energy assessment for Morton Grove residents. Participants will receive a customized report and energy efficient products.
 - On May 15th 2021 the Village will host a contactless drive-through electronic recycling and document destruction event at the Public Works facility at 7840 Nagle, Morton Grove. Participants will not need to leave their vehicles. Members of the ENRC are invited to participate by helping to direct traffic and provide information to attendees.
- On September 11, 2021 from 9 AM to noon the Village will host a Sustainability Expo at the Civic Center. The date and location were chosen to create synergy between the Expo and the French Market. The committee engaged in a discussion regarding the Expo. Andrew Hoffman stated a good model is Wilmette's annual Go Green Expo which engages local schools and features solar energy and electric cars. Members were encouraged to research ideas for the Expo before the next meeting. Christine Corelli offered to reach out to Wilmette and Saint Charles to get information on how their expo events are organized. Joe Dahm agreed to contact an electric car dealership, Erlene

from Collective Resources, Edith Ruiz from Com-Ed, and Groot. Christine Corelli suggested we try to get a Tesla to display.

- Christine Corelli noted that the theme of Earth Day 2021 was “Restore Our Earth”. She suggested the committee consider some additional programs including a program that engaged businesses to “go green”. Sarah Tag noted she organized a similar program at Roosevelt University and volunteered to look for her notes to share her experience. Terry Liston stated that Ralph Czerwinski was aware that Cook County ran a similar program for its employees. Many of our local businesses are doing creative and innovative activities for recycling and conservation including La Pasta Ria. Sarah Tag stated it would be a great idea to engage businesses like La Pasta Ria for the Expo. Christine Corelli also thought we should consider a sustainability walk. She agreed to do some research and get more information on this program.

There being no further business Andrew Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah Tag and approved unanimously by a roll call vote at 6:55 pm.

Minutes By

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