

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2021
MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053
AND ONLINE VIA ZOOM**

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 6:02 PM by Chairperson Georgianne Bruner. Secretary Jacqueline Meracle called the role.

Commissioners Present: Brunner, Corelli, Hoffman, Karp, Laliwala, Pietron, Schultz

Commissioners Absent: Lebeau, Tag

Village Staff Present: Teresa Hoffman Liston, Ralph Czerwinski, Joe Dahm

Chairperson Brunner proceeded to seek approval of the April 6, 2021 minutes and for all commission members to confirm they were able to hear. Commissioner Corelli moved to approve the minutes of April 6, 2021. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion.

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	abstain
Commissioner Laliwala voting	abstain
Commissioner Lebeau voting	absent
Commissioner Pietron voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	aye
Commissioner Tag voting	absent
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Minutes approved.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Joe Dahm presented the following staff update report

Staff Report - Sustainability Goals & Progress – May, 2021

Water Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Educate user about water conservation		
	Reduce Village-wide water consumption by 10% by 2026		
	Regularly exercise water main valves		
	Continue to incorporate one water & sewer related sustainable project annually in capital improvement projects		
	2021 Goals	Current Status	Completion
	Implement Water Meter Software Upgrade	MG IT is integrating data-On Schedule	August 2021
	Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Ave. Phase 2	In process and On Schedule	June 15, 2021
	Lining of Watermain – 800 ft (Albert Ave.)	In process and on schedule	June 2021
	Water Main Replacement – 2,300 ft (Main Street)	In Design –Soil Borings completed	November 2021
	Aquify Water Main Monitoring Program	Evaluation – No new information	Ongoing
	Annual System Leak Survey	Bidding in September	November 2021
	Emerson & Capri Sewer Separation	In Design	August 2021
	Annual Sewer Lining Program – Contract No. 1	Work begins on 5/5/2021	June 2021 & Oct.2021
Air Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about improving and protecting air quality		
	Promote and improve public transit options		
	Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure		
	2021 Goals	Current Status	Completion
	Village Public Electric Car Charging Station	In Design Quote –Charge Point	June 15, 2021
	Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station	2 Installed – 4 coming in the future	2021
Energy Strategies	Pace new rapid transit service – Pulse on Dempster St	2 Relocations of Pace Shelters	Dec. 2021
	Evaluate Village Vehicles – reduce emissions	Adding Hybrids/Electric to future list	Ongoing
	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about improving energy conservation and alternate energy source opportunities		
	Continue Green Electric Aggregation Program with Renewal Energy Credits (REC)		
	Streetlight Bulb Replacement with LED bulbs Energy Use Reduction		
	Municipal Facility - Green Practices - LED bulbs - power usage controls - infrastructure upgrades for energy conservation		
	2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
	Grant Application Waukegan Rd – Streetlights to LED	Under Review-No Report	Ongoing
	Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas.	In Design	Aug, 2021
	South Pumping Station VFD Motor/ Pump Replacement	In Design – Construction in October	August 2021
Land Strategies	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about sustainable land use and land use strategies		
	Continue Parkway Tree Planting Programs		
	Continue Tree City Certification		
	Continue French Market Contract Implemented to Continue Framer's Market		
	2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
	Pursue Transit Oriented Development	Planning	Ongoing
	Site Remediation – Development Sites	Planned	Ongoing
	Native Plantings at Sawmill	Planning	May 2021
	Plant 200 Parkway Trees	Tree Planting Begins-May 5, 2021	May 31, 2021
	Enhance open space near Train Station	Planning	November 2021
	Tree City Certification –Year 20	MG Qualified & Certified for 2020	February 2021
Waste Strategies	Updating of Parkway Tree Inventory	Tree Inventory Completed in GIS	June 2021
	Safe Routes to School Grants	Planning	Ongoing
	Long-term Goals		
	Provide education about sustainable waste programs		
	Increase the diversion of waste from landfills		
	2021 Projects	Current Status	Completion
	Create a recycling instruction booklet	Organize with Commission	Open
	E-waste Collection & Shredding Event	Location of Event – Pubic Works	Scheduled for May 15th
	Evaluate Recycling – Clothing	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Recycling – Construction & Demolition	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Pumpkin Smash Event	Research Phase	Nov. 2021

Upcoming Events

Village Administrator Ralph Czerwinski reported on the Passport to Greener Morton Grove program, stating there were 81 passports returned.

Corporation Council Teresa Hoffman Liston stated that the winners would be drawn prior to the May 10th Board meeting to be announced there.

Public Works Director Joe Dahm reported that ComEd provided a smart thermostat as a prize, Nicor donated 4 tree prizes including the landscapers planting of the trees.

Mrs. Liston reported that the Kids for Greener Morton Grove contest would take place May 7 – May 28. There is a template on the website that explains the program and the three winning designs will be printed on reusable bags that will be used by the village.

Old Business

Commissioner Schultz stated that the meeting was taking place during composting week and May is composting month. She asked if staff could provide an update on the current state of the Village's composting program.

Mr. Dahm stated he did not have an update but would work on obtaining new information.

Chairperson Brunner then asked for any other comments. Hearing none, Commissioner Hoffman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Pietron.

Commissioner Corelli voting	aye
Commissioner Hoffman voting	aye
Commissioner Karp voting	absent
Commissioner Laliwala voting	aye
Commissioner Lebeau voting	absent
Commissioner Pietron voting	aye
Commissioner Schultz voting	absent
Commissioner Tag voting	aye
Chairperson Brunner voting	aye

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.

Minutes By: Jacqueline Meracle