

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 3, 2021**  
**MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**VILLAGE HALL 6101 CAPULINA, MORTON GROVE, IL 60053**

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 6:00 PM by Chairperson Georgianne Brunner. Corporation Counsel Teresa Hoffman Liston called the role.

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

Commissioners Absent: Laliwala, Noormohamed, Tag

Trustees Present: Janine Witko

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

Chairperson Brunner proceeded to seek approval of the July 6, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Pietron moved to approve the minutes of July 6, 2021. Commissioner Schultz seconded the motion.

Minutes approved by unanimous voice vote.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director Joe Dahm presented the following report:  
**Staff Report - Sustainability Goals & Progress - August, 2021**

<b>Water Strategies</b>	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	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		
	<b>2021 Goals</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	<b>Sensus Analytics Water Meter Software Upgrade</b>	<b>Programing Smart Point Units</b>	<b>August 2021</b>
	Lining Water Supply Line – Harlem Ave. Phase 2	Completed to Crain Street and Harlem Avenue	Completed
	Lining of Watermain – 800 ft (Albert Ave.)	Completed on 5/14/2021	Completed
	Water Main Replacement – 2,300 ft (Main Street)	Precon Meeting-8/3 –Begin on 8/17	October, 2021
	<b>Aquify Water Main Monitoring Program</b>	Wait for progress reports	Ongoing
	Annual System Leak Survey	Bidding in September	November 2021
	Emerson & Capri Sewer Separation	Completing Design Comments, Searching funding sources	TBD

<b>Air Strategies</b>	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	Provide education about improving and protecting air quality		
	Promote and improve public transit options		
	Improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure		
	<b>2021 Goals</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	<b>Civic Center Public Electric Car Charging Station</b>	<b>Geary Electric to install one Clipper Creek Charging unit</b>	<b>August, 2021</b>
	<b>Electric Car Charging Stations at Sawmill Station</b>	<b>2 Installed – 4 coming in the future</b>	<b>2021</b>

<b>Energy Strategies</b>	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	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		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Grant Application Waukegan Rd – Streetlights to LED	Under Review-No Report	Ongoing
	<b>Fire Sta. 4 Generator Rpl. /Fuel Conversion to Nat. Gas.</b>	<b>Advertising for Bids</b>	<b>October, 2021</b>

<b>South Pumping Station VFD Motor/ Pump Replacement</b>	Project cost increase. Moving project 2022	Budget Year, 2022
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Land Strategies	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	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 Farmer's Market		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Pursue Transit Oriented Development	Planning	Ongoing
	Site Remediation – Development Sites	Planned	Ongoing
	Native Plantings at Sawmill	Planning	May 2021
	Plant 200 Parkway Trees	All Trees planted for 2021	May 5, 2021
	Enhance open space near Train Station	Planning	November 2021
	Tree City Certification –Year 20	MG Qualified & Certified for 2020	February 2021
	Updating of Parkway Tree Inventory	Tree Inventory available on Village website	June 2021
	Safe Routes to School Grants	Planning	Ongoing

Waste Strategies	<b>Long-term Goals</b>		
	Provide education about sustainable waste programs		
	Increase the diversion of waste from landfills		
	<b>2021 Projects</b>	<b>Current Status</b>	<b>Completion</b>
	Create a recycling instruction booklet	Organize with Commission	Open
	E-waste Collection & Shredding Event – Public Works This location provided better storage for cars waiting on Natchez Av.	483 cars dropped off paper and e-waste during this successful event. Tonnage amount to follow from SWANCC	Completed
	Groot Annual Yard Waste/Food Scrap Subscription Program	95 Gal and 65 Gal. Total of 26	Ongoing
	Collective Resource Food Scrap Program	39 Morton Grove Residents to date.	Ongoing

	Evaluate Recycling – Clothing	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Recycling – Construction & Demolition	Research Phase	Open
	Evaluate Pumpkin Smash Event	Research Phase	Nov. 2021

Commissioner Pietron asked what happens when a tree falls down in the public right of way during a storm.

Mr. Dahm stated that the homeowner would need to request a replacement tree and could do so by applying for the village's 50/50 program.

Commissioner Schultz stated she was excited to see more residents registered for the composting program.

### Upcoming Events

Corporation Counsel Liston stated volunteers were needed to work the commission table at the August 21<sup>st</sup> French Market and asked if the commission was still interested in using this promotion, which would be a great way to increase awareness of the sustainability plan and expo.

The commission then entered a discussion regarding the September 11, 2021 Sustainability Expo. Corporation Counsel Liston stated that the current vendor list lived in a google sheet and vendors

### Other Business

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm but unanimous voice vote.

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Minutes By: Jacqueline Meracle