

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved June 19, 2013

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

April 17, 2013 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum

Dan Beebe called the meeting to order. Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Nick Fuller, Bob Blaus, and Steve Carrow were in attendance.

Street Superintendent Tim Wilcox was also in Attendance.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A. Environmental Commission Meeting of January 16, 2013
- B. Environmental Commission Meeting of February 20, 2013
- C. Environmental Commission Meeting of March 20, 2013

Minutes from January, February and March meetings were all approved as submitted.

3. Review and Discuss Commission Priority List

A. Current List

Adopt a highway

Pack 151 plans to submit form to adopt a section. Current ordinance calls for renewal every two years. Under current rules, General Mills needs to resubmit. Tim thinks that biannual renewal is too often, we should recommend that the ordinance be revised.

Paper shredding

Event scheduled for June 1, 2013 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Rain barrel sales

Set for pick up on June 1. Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation will be speaking at the library again this year, but will mostly cover use of native plants in yards.

“greener” city property landscaping- Nick and Tim will coordinate and select a plot for testing.

LEED

Example ordinances were passed out for review. Homework is to read, review, and be prepared to discuss at next meeting, with intent to make a recommendation to the city.

Community garden

Approximately 20 people attended class at St. Michaels. No further events currently scheduled.

B. New Additions

Coal tar use in sealing parking lots

Issue of PAH coming from sealers getting in to streams. Several cities have signed a memorandum of understanding stating they will not use these types of sealers. We need to study the issue and make a recommendation to the city.

4. Other business

Public education on environmental issues

Information does not appear to be getting out to the people who might act on that information very easily. Discussion only, no action items generated.

There was discussion of creating a budget for the commission and submitting to city for consideration. We currently have no budget.

5. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting ended at 8:42 PM.