

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved with changes 6/15/2016

## MINUTES

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 18, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

#### 1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Kris Zimmermann, John Symowicz, Bob Blaus, and Mike Ferguson present; Commissioner Tony Lewis was absent.

Also in attendance was Assistant Director of Public Works, Tim Wilcox.

#### 2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of April 20, 2016. Commissioner Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2016 with changes, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz.

Voting Yea: Commissioners Beebe, Zimmermann, Ferguson and Symowicz, Voting Nay: 0.

Changes are reflected in the approved minutes.

#### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

#### 4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

##### A. Review current priority list

Lighting Ordinance

No new developments to report.

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No new developments to report.

Creation of a Street Light Request Policy

No new developments to report.

Blooming Fest

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All Commissioners present indicated they would be attending and on hand at the booth at least part of the day. The plan is to meet at the booth location, space 76 group F; at 8:30 A.M. Commissioner Blaus confirmed he had peat pellets, Marigold seeds, zip lock bags and a small folding table to allow children to plant the seeds with a parent. He planned to bring a container of water as well.

Mr. Wilcox will not be in attendance. He explained prior to the meeting he had provided Chairman Beebe with the Environmental Commission banner, 100 giveaway chip clips from Groot, copies of Groot's Recycling 101 flier in both English and Spanish, the recycling DVD, the Adopt-A-Highway info and applications, some leftover toilet tank ~~die~~ *dye* tablets, and numerous DuPage County handouts related to water conservation and storm water management.

Commissioner Zimmermann mentioned last year there was discussion to include a QR code on the recycling flyer so people could use their phone to scan and get recycling information.

#### Paper Shredding/Rain Barrel Pickup

Chairman Beebe indicated he will not be able to attend the June 4, 2016 paper shredding and rain barrel pickup event. Commissioner Ferguson suggested placing an informational sign near the street at City Hall the day of the event informing people of the event taking place. Chairman Beebe thought he had a sandwich board sign that could be used. Mr. Wilcox indicated he would follow up with Upcycle on the rain barrel orders and delivery and confirm the date with Accurate Document Destruction for the paper shredder truck.

Plan to be there at 8:30 A.M.

### **B. Discuss new additions to priority list**

#### Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Discussion was tabled for further study.

### **5. Other Business**

Commissioner Symowicz reported on the West Branch Project (DuPage River) bus tour he attended Thursday April 28, 2016. The DuPage County Storm water Management's staff offered the guided tour of several projects that have been completed along the West Branch DuPage River over the past 10 years from Carol Stream through Naperville, including: Restoration of an EPA Superfund cleanup site, wetland and rare fen restoration, dam removal projects, an Urban Stream Research Center, and ongoing flood mitigation projects, including a re-meander of the river. The tour group was informed there are no Zebra Mussels in the DuPage River. There are look-a-likes though. Native clams and mussels are making a comeback and this is apparently a good thing for the river.

Sustain DuPage's August planned meeting was mentioned and briefly discussed for those interested in attending.

### **6. Adjournment**

At 7:35 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ferguson seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works