

# CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 10/21/2015

## MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

September 16, 2015, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Dan Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Kris Zimmermann, Bob Blaus, and Mike Ferguson present. Commissioner Laura Barron was absent.

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

### 2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Environmental Commission Minutes of July 15, 2015. Commissioner Symowicz moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Blaus.

Voting Yea: Commissioners Dan Beebe, John Symowicz, Kris Zimmermann, Bob Blaus, and Mike Ferguson. Voting Nay: 0.

### 3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

### 4. Review and discuss Commission Priority List

#### A. Review current priority list

Adopt A Highway

Chairman Beebe mentioned the date of October 3, 2015 as the next scheduled Environmental Commission Adopt-A-Highway cleanup of their section of North Avenue east of Route 59. It was brought to the attention of the commission that the date should be changed since this is the same day of the Winfield Township's recycling event. A new date of October 17, 2015 was scheduled.

Holiday Lights

Elgin Recycling plans to participate in the holiday light recycling program again this year with some changes to collection schedules and procedures. To reduce costs they plan to have less frequent pickups so they may deliver two Gaylord containers and/or require a photo sent of the collected material to ensure an adequate quantity has been collected before sending a truck. Also, due to the lower value of copper, they may not be able to profit share with the City as they have in previous years. The money is secondary as the commission's main goal with this program has always been to divert the holiday lights from going into landfill. Dates of the event were discussed and the period of November 27, 2015 through January 29, 2016 was agreed upon.

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## Lighting Ordinance

Tim Wilcox provided Commissioner Ferguson with copies of sections from the City Code dealing with lighting requirements/restrictions for West Chicago. He also relayed some feedback he had received from John Said, Director of Community Development. Commissioner Ferguson indicated he had previously spoken to Mr. Said about the subject as well.

## Paper Shredding Event

The first Saturday in June will continue to be planned for the City's event. June 4, 2016 is the next planned date. For the benefit of the commissioners not at the July 15, 2015 Environmental Commission meeting, it was reiterated that the City's shredding event would not be included as part of Winfield Township's recycling event for the reasons discussed at that meeting. All agreed more advertisement is needed to boost participation. Using the information sign at Main Street and Route 59 was suggested as well as handing out fliers at the township's event.

## Pumpkin Recycling

Commissioner Blaus indicated he had heard that twelve communities in the area plan to participate in a pumpkin recycling program this year following Halloween.

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

No new additions.

### **5. Other Business**

Commissioner Blaus indicated he would be contacting John Dusza, Winfield Township Highway Commissioner to see if he needs volunteers for their recycling event to be held October 3, 2015. He thinks we should have as many Environmental Commission members there as possible. He worked last year's event and said it was very busy but fun as well.

### **6. Adjournment**

At 7:39 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ferguson seconded. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works