

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

Approved 6/20/2018

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

May 16, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

Chairman Beebe called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Roll call found Commissioners Dan Beebe, Kris Zimmermann, Bob Blaus, and John Symowicz present, Commissioner Bethany Brown arrived at 7:10 P.M.

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

2. Approval of Minutes.

- A. **Environmental Commission Minutes of April 18, 2018. Commissioner Zimmermann made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Symowicz to approve the meeting minutes of April 18, 2018.**

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

3. Public Participation/Presentations.

None

4. Items For Consent

None

5. Review and discuss Commission Priority List.

- A. **Review current priority list**

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Not discussed

Blooming Fest

Chairman Beebe planned to use today's meeting to summarize plans for what the Commission will be doing during Blooming Fest and go over last minute details for the event. The Commission was assigned to booth 31 this year which is closer to Galena Street and adjacent to the City of West Chicago booth.

Chairman Beebe asked Mr. Wilcox to make arrangements to provide a table and a couple of chairs. He said we should plan to set up no later than 8:00 A.M. Commission Blaus will take the canopy tent and the plan is to meet in the City Hall parking lot to walk things over at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. The event will run from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Chairman Beebe said he has packets of common milkweed seed available to pass out. Commissioner Zimmermann plans to create a "Ask Us About" sign to display in the booth with subjects listed such as: recycling, rain barrels, the monarch pledge, serving on the Environmental Commission, Adopt a Highway, paper shredding, and other topics related to the Commission and the environment. She said she will also bring craft kits for kids to make their own butterfly.

The Cub Scouts apparently have another engagement so there will be no pancake breakfast available from them this year.

Street Light Request Policy

Not discussed

Cool DuPage Program

Not discussed

Pumpkin Recycling Event

Not discussed

Lighting Ordinance

Not discussed

Adopt A Highway

Mr. Wilcox will bring a map of the program area which includes all of the available roadways and highlights the groups participating. He will also have applications available for anyone wishing to join the program. Commissioner Beebe mentioned his idea of having City Departments adopt sections of road, such as Main Street which is maintained and checked for litter by the Street Division on a regular basis.

Rain Barrel Sale

Chairman Beebe did not have time to create his miniature rain barrel prop he had mentioned at a previous meeting however, there will be information available about the benefits of rain barrels and also many different handouts from DuPage County related to water conservation and storm water management.

B. Discuss new additions to priority list

None.

6. Other Business

Commissioner Blaus shared that his students at York Community High School were awarded two of the three cash prizes available at the 2018 Sustainable Design Challenge for best overall design and also best storm water design.

Commissioner Beebe mentioned the 2017 annual waste and recycling report that Mr. Wilcox had emailed to the members. He summarized the information in the survey and was happy to see that West Chicago was higher than the total average for all of the communities in the survey.

7. Adjournment

At 7:50 P.M. Commissioner Blaus made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Symowicz seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Wilcox, Assistant Director of Public Works