



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

WHEATON CITY HALL, 303 W WESLEY STREET, WHEATON, ILLINOIS 60187

Tuesday, June 28, 2022
7:30

I. Call to Order: Chairman Ted Witte called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Present were Cathy Coleman, Nancy Flynn, Kay McKeen, Mike Nicolosi, Tony Pope, Allison Torrence, and Bob Young. Absent were Brian McKee, David Popham, and Seema Wadia.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Bob moved that the minutes from the May meeting be approved. Nancy seconded. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

III. Budget Report:

Bob reported that \$3,729.57 remains open to spend.

IV. Public Comment:

None

V. Reports:

1. Electronic Recycling (6/11): Tony reported that he, David, Jim Truesdale, Twye from SCARCE, and 6 E-works employees worked the event. There were no back-ups, and things ran smoothly. About 200 fluorescent bulbs, 20 gallons of cooking oil, and lots of textiles and scrap metal were collected.
2. Adopt a Highway: Nancy reported that the Milton Township Democrats collected 9 bags of trash and 4 bags of recyclables on June 25.

VI. Upcoming Projects:

1. Electronics Recycling (7/9): Tony will work this event. (8/13) Bob will work the event.
2. Adopt a Highway: Nancy set the next clean up for July 16.
3. National Night Out (8/2): Event is from 5-8. Allison and Cathy will man the table. Kay will get toilet detection tablets. Tony will make a picture collage of what is collected from the July electronics event and what happens with it. Allison will gather examples of what our electronics events collect and what the DuPage County Sheriff's office accepts. Kay will have fliers and will email the event coordinator to find out if we bring a table or if it is provided. Brian offered seeds from his work at a discount, and Kay suggested we check if they have any appropriate for fall planting.

VII. Unfinished Business:

1. Wheaton Sustainability Green Award: on hold
2. Boards and Commissions Ordinance Status Update: no update yet
3. Business Composting: There are 16 Wheaton businesses interested in food scrap and flower composting. They were working with Organics to try to make this happen. Organics was bought out by Denali Water and they currently do not have enough drivers to begin a program. Businesses will wait until fall, and if nothing has happened will begin looking for a new company.
4. Erosion Control Blankets: Kay sent a power point presentation today. Members will watch it and talk about it in August.

5. Erosion Control Using Invasive Plants: no new information
6. Bio-swale public awareness program: Kay pointed out that education of the public about native plants is necessary for success.

VIII. New Business:

1. Environmental Books and/or media for the Wheaton Public Library: Bob moved that we donate \$200 for environmental materials for the library. Kay seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Funding for EIC events: ●Cathy moved that we spend up to \$500 for a feather sign for Environmental Improvement events (6-8 feet tall, white with green lettering saying Wheaton Environmental Improvement Commission) and for fliers for National Night Out. Allison seconded. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Kay will order the sign.
 - Kay moved that we spend up to \$1500 for a second smoke detector bin. Cathy seconded. The motion carried.
 - Kay was investigating the cost to hold the Recycling Extravaganza at the DuPage County Fairgrounds next year to be able to avoid traffic jams on the city streets and to allow for smoother traffic flow. It would cost about \$1000, so Bob suggested we include that in next year's budget.

IX. Adjournment:

Cathy moved that the meeting be adjourned. Nancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

The next regular EIC meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2022, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Coleman

Ted Watto, EIC CHAIR
8/25/2022