

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the September 2, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Peter Hugh, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT: Carolyn Cullen (attending by phone)

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The July 1 minutes were approved unanimously. There was no meeting held in August.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge reported that he attended the PlanItGreen core committee meeting. He also reported that the Solar Chicago project has met its goals and approximately 90 participants are in Oak Park. Nick reported that he talked with John Wielebnicki, the Public Works Director, about the Harrison Street lighting project. They discussed the project budget and John will keep the EEC in the loop for the demonstration.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: None.

Guests: Peggy McGrath and Commissioner Cullen led the discussion on the creation of an informational brochure about pesticides. This initiative will require education and voluntary actions until a change can be made to the IL law. EEC members identified some local partners that will be asked to join the campaign. Peggy will send information to Karen to see if lawn signs can be purchased for EEC to distribute next year. Chair Bridge asked Karen to send the summary chart to EEC members when completed.

Discussion Items

A. Review Work Plan Tasks

Chair Bridge asked members to review the workplan to discuss at the next meeting.

B. Plastic Bag Ordinance

Commissioner Cullen and Karen have put together a summary of ordinances and discussed options with EEC members. They will gather more information and ask for a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Commissioner Cullen and Karen will also work with Loretta Daly to develop a survey for business owners.

C. Pesticide Awareness

This item was discussed earlier with guest Peggy McGrath.

D. Green Awards

Karen received nine nominations which were given to Commissioners Peterson and Bailey. They will summarize them and bring them back for a vote at the next meeting. Commissioner Peterson reported that the ceremony will be held on Thursday, November 20 at the Nineteenth Century Club and also asked for donations to purchase wine.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus