

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT: Commissioners: Peter Hugh and Bill Burns attended by phone

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The January 6 minutes were amended and approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Chair Bridge reported that Green Community Connections is hosting a Sustainability Network session at the Library on February 10. Presentations will begin at 6:00 pm and will include members of the River Forest Commission, Wild Ones and Sugar Beet. Chair Bridge asked members to try to attend and sit in on different discussion groups.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted. She also reported that due to the front page FYI article, there were 145 requests for smaller refuse carts received in January.

Public Comment: None.

Guests: Megan Visk attended the meeting to announce new and continuing initiatives offered by Elevate Energy and to promote energy efficient programs.

Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Ordinance

The online survey will be announced in the March/April issue of FYI.

B. Sustainability Organization

EEC members reviewed the document distributed by Commissioner Frank. Members discussed different aspects of the document. Commissioner Bailey commented that any such organization should focus on topics and how to achieve goals related to a specific project. Commissioner Hugh requested that talks continue to identify the need for such an organization and that it would be the best avenue for achieving goals.

C. Pesticide Awareness

Commissioner Cullen reported that she will be meeting with the River Forest Committee next week. Karen reported that the signs will be ordered after the Board approves the 2015 work plan.

D. Tabling Schedule

Karen reported that Earth Fest will be held on Saturday, April 25 and gave an overview of the 2015 Green Tuesday lecture series.

E. Review 2015 Work Plan

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus