

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

PRESENT: Commissioners: Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

ABSENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Peter Hugh and Hanna Kwiecinska

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The February 3 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Commissioner Burns chaired the meeting and reported that Chair Bridge attended meetings of the Board of Health, the Green Community Connections Sustainability Café and the PlanItGreen core team.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted. She also reported that she will attend the Solid Waste Assn. of North America International board meeting in New Orleans.

Public Comment: Former EEC Commissioner Mac Robinet gave a presentation on his suggestion to use funds typically paid for RECs for green energy through the energy aggregation plan to create a Village fund that would allow residents to install solar panels in Oak Park. Karen will forward the information to Rob Cole in the Village Manager's Office.

Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Ordinance

The online survey is live and the business owners will be contacted to participate.

B. Sustainability Organization

EEC members reviewed the document distributed by Commissioner Frank. Members discussed editing the document to a one-page recommendation and voted unanimously to approve the final document. Karen will forward it to Trustee Ott.

C. Pesticide Awareness

David Powers and Patrick Rollens are formatting the information.

D. Green Block Parties

Karen reported that the program will be available again this year.

E. Tabling Schedule

Nothing at this time.

F. Review 2015 Work Plan

Nothing at this time.

New Business

Commissioner Cullen reported that West Cook Wild Ones is hosting a Native Plant conference on May 17 at Dominican University. Also, their native plant sale is running now.

Adjourn: 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus