

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the July 7, 2015 Meeting
Village Hall Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Carolyn Cullen, Peter Hugh, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Alex Frank, Michael O'Rourke and Andrew Basney

ABSENT: Commissioners: Bob Peterson

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

GUESTS: Mike Barnett and Lanny Lutz from Hudson Energy and Bob Layman from Total Energy Concepts, gave a brief presentation on services their company provides for businesses to increase energy efficiency.

The June 2 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Chair Bridge reported that the EEC recommendation on community energy aggregation was accepted by the Board but no action has been taken yet as the Village is reviewing pricing of the options.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: Barbara Mularky, 204 S. Elmwood, submitted copies of news articles and questions regarding the installation of cell towers. Chair Bridge thanked Ms. Mularky and told her that he will get back to her.

Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Ordinance

Commissions Cullen and Bailey distributed a draft recommendation to the board requesting the consideration of a fee-based ordinance for single-use bags whether plastic or paper. Members discussed the issue and added some background information explaining their rationale. The survey results were reviewed and members agreed that the residential survey provided a good sampling; the business result was not a very large response. Members agreed that EEC should hold a public hearing to gather comments from the community, both residents and business owners. Members voted 7 to 1 in favor of the recommendation. The dissenting member agreed that the Village should address the issue but didn't agree with imposing a fee on bags.

B. Pesticide Awareness

Karen brought signs and the list of residents requesting signs. EEC members each took some signs and will deliver them to the various addresses.

C. Green Awards

Karen reported that the nomination form was advertised in the FYI. Commission Cullen asked Karen to send the list of previous winners.

D. Review 2015 Work Plan

No discussion at this time.

New Business

None.

Adjourn: 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus