

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Meeting
Village Hall Room 130

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

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The September 1 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: Chair Bridge attended a meeting of the Board of Health to review the final brochure created by the Midwest Pesticide Alliance and will send the revised document to members before it is printed.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: Resident Mark Burger asked if EEC had made a recommendation to the Board regarding a small fee in the aggregation contract to support local solar projects. He stated that larger scale projects could generate enough energy to allow for utility scale pricing. Chair Bridge thanked Mr. Burger for the information.

Discussion Items

A. Plastic Bag Ordinance

Chair Bridge and Commissioner Cullen along with Ms. Rozmus attended the September Business Association Council to discuss the EEC recommendation regarding a fee placed on single-use bags. In an effort to provide outreach to business owners, Ms. Rozmus will create a fact sheet that will be distributed to business owners. Chair Bridge, Commissioner Cullen and Ms. Rozmus will also be available to attend business district meetings if invited.

B. Pesticide Awareness - Tabling

EEC will have a table at Farmers Market on October 17. Commissioners O'Rourke, Basney, Cullen, Frank and Daughton volunteered to attend the booth.

C. Green Awards

Commissioners Bailey and O'Rourke summarized the nominations and will gather more information for a vote at the November meeting.

D. Review 2015 Work Plan

Members reviewed the work plan containing the 2015 accomplishments and approved the 2016 work plan by unanimous vote. Ms. Rozmus will submit the plan to the Village Manager's office.

Old Business

Commissioner Townsend asked for the status of the regional Sustainability and Commissioner Kwiecinska reported that she had attended the last meeting. The details of the initiative are still being discussed but it is moving forward.

New Business

Commissioner Daughton reported that she works for ComEd and will get in touch with Deputy Village Manager Lisa Shelley with information on Smart Cities and a ComEd initiative to see if there is any interest in using real-time data and net-metering to determine if resident education will affect usage.

Adjourn: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus