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**MINUTES OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK
April 15, 2021**

Chairman Reynolds called the EQC meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in a remote meeting through WebEx virtual meeting platform.

The following Members were in attendance: Dale Duda, Sandra Weiss, Brian Bruce, Rebecca Lee, Scott Robson and Chairman Reynolds. A full quorum was met.

Members absent: Michael Beeftink

Also Present: Director of Development and Planning Services Michaela Kohlstedt,

Minutes

Member Lee moved for approval of the March minutes, seconded by Member Duda and unanimously approved as presented.

Northbrook Climate Action Plan Update

Director Kohlstedt explained the CAPT met earlier in the week to review the draft Climate Action Plan. Members of the CAPT are entering their comments and edits into the draft document online until Monday April 19th, at which time the consultant will then review the edits and clean up the draft document. Once the draft document edits are complete, the document will be posted online for review and comment by the public.

A public meeting will be conducted by the consultant and members of Village staff to present and explain the draft plan, during which attendees will be directed to enter their comments and feedback on the document online. Following the open comment period, the Board of Trustees will ultimately conduct a public hearing on the draft CAP.

Member Lee thanked the members of the EQC for their time and thoughts spent on the creation of the plan. Member Duda stated the commissions excitement to review the draft document.

Green Awards

Chairman Reynolds presented a summary of the four applications for the Green Resident Award. Following a thorough discussion by the Commission it was determined that the 2021 recipient would be the Kaminsky Family. The Commission also reviewed the Green Business submittal from the Park District and determined it to be a qualifying winner as well.

The Commission determined that given the quality of submittals that have been received from all entrants over the past few years, that it may be in the best interest to move away from the annual award and instead create a Green Stewards of Northbrook platform on the Village website and social media whereupon all community members doing sustainable initiatives could be in the spotlight to share their ideas to inspire others. Village staff will share this change of course with the Board of Trustees for consideration and report back to the EQC.

Updates on Other Items

Director Kohlstedt presented on communication initiatives created for April, including a post on the endangered rusty patch bumblebee and leaf blowers. Director Kohlstedt updated the Commission on Solar Permit data and data for Northbrook's waste collection in March.

Old Business

None.

New Business

1 Member Duda asked that a Sustainability Social Media page be added to the website where all the posts can be placed
2 and easily searchable for those that don't have social media accounts. Staff will report back on this in May.

3 Members of the Commission also requested that Tessa report back on the Leaf Blower seminar she attended in April
4 during the May meeting to reignite those conversations.

5 **Next Meeting**

6 The next regular meeting of the EQC is scheduled for May 13, 2021.

7 **Adjourn**

8 Member Duda made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Member Robson. The meeting
9 adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

10 Respectfully submitted,

11 /s/ Michaela Kohlstedt

12 Recorder