

AMENDED
MINUTES OF THE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION
VILLAGE OF NORTHBROOK
JUNE 17, 2021

Chairman Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the Village Hall, Terrace Room. Present were Members Sandra Weiss, Becky Lee, and Scott Robson

Also Present: Director of Development and Planning Services Michaela Kohlstedt, and Sustainability Coordinator Tessa Murray

Absent: Michael Beeftink, Brian Bruce, Dale Duda

Guests: None

Review and Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting was made by Member Robson and seconded by Member Lee. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Hear From the Audience – Items not on the agenda:

None

GoGreen Leafblower Forum Summary:

Ms. Murray was complimented on her summary document that was included in the packet. Discussion was deferred to an upcoming meeting.

Northbrook Climate Action Plan Update:

Ms. Murray reported that the CAP public review received 40 online comments. Forty participants attended the June 16, 2021 Open House Public Meeting of the Draft CAP. The CAPT consists of 2 Village Trustees (Ross and Israel), 9 Village staff members, and 19 stakeholder representatives. The CAP draft seeks to reduce year 2010 carbon emission levels in Northbrook by 35%, by year 2030 and by 2050, 80% of the 2010 carbon emission levels. The draft plan is divided into eight sectors: 1) transportation; 2) buildings; 3) waste management; 4) waters; 5) local foods; 6) health and safety; 7) green space; and 8) climate economy. The first four are carbon reduction elements. The last four have more actions that are related to climate adaptation and resilience in the face of different climate change issues that face Northbrook. The opportunity for public comment closes on Monday, June 21, 2021. There will be a review of input gathered. If it is determined that a CAPT meeting is needed, it will be held the week of June 28, 2021. The CAP will be completed for review at the July 27, 2021 Board meeting with a planned public hearing.

Various Commissions were recommended to lead or support roles for the action items. Ms. Murray asked if there were any questions from membership on the items that EQC was tagged with. Chairman Reynolds answered that everything in the outline looked to be in order. Member Weiss stated that the documents were pretty straight forward. Ms. Murray stated that EQC items were largely educational and communications based items.

WM (Waste Management) WM2-1: Conduct a waste audit to determine waste diversion opportunities. Ms. Murray stated that there could be a potential connection between the Village and GBN. This affords the opportunity to learn how data is collected. Ms. Murray stated that this would require relationship building. Ms. Murray provided a recycling example which followed a waste hauler in Lake County. Chairman Reynolds asked if the data collection came through the waste hauler or the community.

Ms. Murray stated that once the Board approves the CAP, implementation of phasing stages within the document can begin.

Updates on Other Items:

Discussion took place that Northbrook has its own water lakefront station with a pipe running water inland from Lake Michigan. Northbrook pulls its own water and has the ability to sell to other inland communities.

Chairman Reynolds asked about the comments coming in on the utility franchise fee. Ms. Murray answered that no comments have been made to date.

Social Media Posts have included information on the CAP, leaf blowers, building energy, educational posts, and specific posts for the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, the Rusty Patch bumblebees - with professional materials from the Abatement District. Posts included bicycle rights, shopping local and the Northbrook Farmers Market.

54 milkweed packets were handed out at the Farmers Market event.

Member Lee asked for feedback on the bicycle path meeting.

A Sustainability Social Media page can now be found and searched on the Village website.

The Green Resident Award has been updated with the 2021 winner information.

Director Kohlstedt updated the Commission on Solar Permit Data and data for Northbrook's waste collection.

Plastic recycling – There was a potential opportunity. Director Kohlstedt stated that she is not sure if that opportunity still exists.

Landfill data sees the same pattern with the calculation as before. Waste Management presented new recycling data so calculations look differently. Composting is doing well. E-waste is steadily rising.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

There will be more promotion on the Rusty Patch bumblebee in the next Village Newsletter. Residents that have native plants and that are committed to following three principles may be eligible to receive a free lawn sign (native plants, no pesticides, no major vegetation

removal).

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting of the EQC is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the June 17, 2021 EQC meeting at 8:15 p.m.
The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Sue Anetsberger
Recorder