Chairman Reynolds called the EQC meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Terrace Conference Room at the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane.

The following Members were in attendance: Jeremy Reynolds, Kent Figge, Dale Duda, and Scott Robson. A full quorum was met.

Also Present: Assistant Public Works Director Matt Morrison, Mary Hansen, Abhishek Patel

Members absent: Rebecca Lee, Mike Beeftink, and Brian Bruce

Minutes

Minutes of the May 16, 2019 meeting were approved as drafted on a voice vote.

Hear from the Audience

Mary Hansen of the Northbrook Area Chapter of the Citizen Climate Lobby addressed the Environmental Quality Commission on the topic of carbon emissions, climate change, and U.S. House Resolution 763 (HR 763), the “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.” Ms. Hansen discussed the Citizen Climate Lobby and one of their intitives is to identify the cost of carbon and put a market price on it. She discussed HR 763 which states, counties, and municipalities can sign on to support. Ms. Hansen referenced a Chicago Tribune article discussing oil companies being in favor of carbon markets, as well as the hidden costs of carbon emissions.

Chairman Reynolds stated that the Environmental Quality Commission is an advisory body to the Village Board and could not endorse the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act on behalf of the Village of Northbrook on its own.

Commissioner Robson also confirmed that the Environmental Quality Commission is a recommending body and reviews and recommends items to the Village Board.

Ms. Hansen confirmed the next steps would be for the Environmental Quality Commission to review the topic at a future meeting and the Environmental Quality Commission after that the Village Board may consider it.

Abhishek Patel addressed the Environmental Quality Commission and reiterated the importance of addressing climate change and that climate change is getting worse every day that action is delayed.

Old Business

Neonicotinoid Pesticides Educational Materials

Assistant Director Morrison reviewed the pesticide educational materials and the edits that had been made. The content was edited to focus on Neonicotinoid pesticides, pesticide usage in general, and alternatives for homeowners. The Commission discussed the format of the materials and suggested changes to the configuration of the brochure.

Mr. Patel suggested reaching out to the Botanic Garden, bee keepers, and farmers at the farmers market.
The Commission discussed the pamphlet as a component of the updating of the website and discussed creating a series of educational pamphlets for the website.

Mr. Patel suggested including information on recycling events for chemicals, what labels/products/chemicals to avoid, and identifying EPA approved or certified materials.

The Commission continued the topic of the educational materials until the next meeting.

**Single-Use Bags**

Mr. Morrison provided an update on the state of the status of the single-use plastic bag legislation. Staff provided information from the Northwest Municipal Conference. Commissioner Duda stated that with the legislative session being over that the Commission should continue to monitor legislation in Springfield should this come back up.

Mr. Morrison displayed a sample of the reusable shopping bags the Village would be purchasing and the artwork that will be on the bags.

**Newsletter Articles**

Assistant Director Morrison provided a schedule of newsletter articles as part of the Commission discussed the topics.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Good of the Order**

Commissioner Duda stated that they had the largest crowd ever at the opening Farmers Market. Ms. Duda shared that the week of June 24 the Farmers Market will be hosting the Green Thumb Summer School class from School District 30.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the EQC is scheduled for May 16, 2019.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Robson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Commissioner Figge. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matt Morrison  
Liaison