

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

7:30 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Environmental Concerns Committee

*Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick - Chairperson
Trustee Zach Wilson - Alternate Chairperson
Jennifer Jendras, Diana Urlaub,
Nancy Schukat, Winnie Lyons,
Darlene Bartt, Jason Cooper & Dustin Smith
Staff Liaison: Dave Gorman*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fitzpatrick at 7:30 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Laura Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Jendras, Diana Urlaub, Nancy Schukat, Winnie Lyons, Darlene Bartt and Jason Cooper

3.0 Public Participation

Dustin Smith of 41 S. 2nd attended and expressed appreciation for receiving the Sustainability Award. He is interested in applying for one of the two open positions on the Committee. Gorman: will email him an interest form. Fitzpatrick: made opening comments to thank the members for their continued service on the Committee. She had asked to be assigned to ECC due to interest in sustainability, reducing our footprint on the environment, enhancing green spaces, promoting our heritage, and working with businesses to implement green solutions based on economics. She added that she wants to solicit new ideas for the use grant monies. Committee recommendations are taken very seriously by the Board of Trustees and Lombard's ideas can also be shared with State Representative Chris Nybo, who sits on the House Environmental Committee.

4.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Schukat, seconded by Cooper, to approve. The motion carried by a voice vote

5.0 Unfinished Business

050616

Current Solid Waste Contract - Update

Jim Karls from Waste Management in attendance. Karls: went over Jan-May tonnages. Mentioned that a number of commercial accounts have taken advantage of the free recycling service that was offered starting April 1st but he doesn't yet have numbers to share. Gorman: explained that the 35-gal option now available to all residents in the new contract has been popular. We'll eventually have numbers available on this. Fitzpatrick: asked Karls to explain the billing issue that WM has regarding commercial accounts. Karls: explained that their internal audit concluded that there were too many accounts that were paying different rates than the contract rates, mostly too low. An adjust up towards the contract rates will be made starting August 1st but they will be capped at 30%, regardless of how far below they are now. All those above will be lowered to the contract rates. Fitzpatrick: asked that Dave Gorman assist Jim Karls with his letter before it goes out. Karls: will share the draft as soon as it is ready.

070424

Clean Air Counts

Gorman: went over the letter that applied for Silver status. Added that the Committee has tried for the past couple years to come up with a realistic and meaningful regulatory

action that would have enabled us to apply for the Gold. That will have to wait for another day.

100130

Sustainability Framework - 2011 Update

Recommendation from the Environmental Concerns Committee to approve the 2011 update of the Sustainability Framework and declare environmental sustainability as a policy directive for municipal programs, facilities and operations. (DISTRICTS - ALL)

Gorman: presented draft of 2011 update and asked for comments. Cooper: asked that the intro make a clearer statement that the doc is intended for action; mention life-cycle costs and our responsibility for shared resources. Fitzpatrick: asked that bullet points and time lines be used throughout for the actions. Cooper: asked that the doc discuss EV charging stations. Gorman will work with Cooper to contact a company to possibly facilitate something for Lombard businesses - through the Chamber. Cooper: asked that the doc mention that controls should be included in future streetlight projects to enable differential lighting in the late night/early morning. Also asked that the Water section call for dual flush toilets wherever possible in public facilities. Cooper: asked about education for winter salt use? Gorman: will send him the DuPage River Salt creek Workgroup flyer on that subject. In the Transportation chapter, Lyons asked that more bike racks be considered for placement by the train station. Fitzpatrick: expressed concurrence that more bike racks or lockers would be helpful. Also said that she would like to revive the Lombard Circulator Bus program and will talk with PACE. May ask the Committee to get involved with that issue. Fitzpatrick: asked that natural gas vehicles be explored for the Village's fleet. Gorman: the Fleet supervisor is already preparing such a report. Cooper: asked that the Land Use section mention the desire to enhance habitat. Dustin Smith and Cooper discussed the problem of buckthorn taking over the IPP and GWT. Gorman: explained that both are County ROWs so the Village does not maintain or control these corridors. Possibly the next Pride Days could include a buckthorn removal team if the County would authorize it. It would help to tell them in the permit application that the activity would be overseen by landscape architects and the debris would be removed by the Village and Waste Management. Fitzpatrick: said that she would provide CMAP correspondence to the Committee. Cooper: asked that light pollution be mentioned; although we may not want to go as far as adopting the Dark Skies policy. Urlaub: asked that useful links be listed at the end of the document; Cooper recommended that hyperlinks be placed into the online version.

It was moved by Urlaub, seconded by Cooper, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote

110058

2011 Recycling Extravaganza

The poster, press release and PSA were all approved by consensus. Jendras: offered to oversee volunteer registration but requested help. Schukat: offered to help Jendras. Cooper: won't be able to attend the Extravaganza due to other commitments.

*CORRECTION per 8/23/11 Minutes:
Urlaub will work with Jendras on Volunteers.*

6.0 New Business

110418

USCM Clean Energy Report

Gorman: shared the report and explained that it had been provided to him since the Village has signed onto the USCM commitment to take action on global warming. The Village is listed on the last pages.

110420

E-Waste Recycling - Verbal Report

Gorman: described the County meeting concerning the State's legislation banning landfilling of electronics. Curbside refuse collection of such items will cease as of 1/1/12. Fitzpatrick: this is an important issue to assist residents with and perhaps a no-cost monthly collection could be provided. Gorman: will check if the Village's parking lot might be made available to a recycling company, maybe on the first Saturday of each month. The Village's website already has COM2 on Main Street and SSI on North Avenue listed as locations available to residents for no-cost electronics recycling. Gorman: County staff list private sites for certified electronics recyclers on their website and educational materials.

7.0 Other Business

110419

Paperless Meetings

Fitzpatrick: reported that she and a couple other trustees are going to try going without paper for their agendas. Instead, they will receive PDF's to read on their Village-issued computers. Pending that outcome, such an idea might be expanded but there is a difference between trustees and committee members since the latter would have to use their own personal laptop computers.

8.0 Information Only

9.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Lyons, seconded by Bartt, to adjourn at 9:46 PM. The motion carried by a voice vote