

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

7:00 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Environmental Concerns Committee

*Trustee Mike Fugiel - Chairperson
Trustee Reid Foltyniewicz - Alternate Chairperson
Diana Lavaque, Nancy Schukat,
Winnie Lyons, Darlene Bartt,
Jason Cooper, Dustin Smith,
Daniel Richardt and Dana Moreau
Staff Liaison: Dave Gorman*

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fitzpatrick at 7:02 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

Jason Cooper arrived at 7:09 PM.

Present 7 - Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Diana Lavaque, Nancy Schukat, Darlene Bartt, Winnie Lyons, Jason Cooper, and Daniel Richardt

Absent 1 - Dustin Smith

3.0 Public Participation

Lonnie Morris
Dan Hildebrand

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Winnie Lyons, seconded by Daniel Richardt, that this be approved. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

5.0 Unfinished Business

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Current Solid Waste Contract - Update

Mike Brink (WM) explained that tonnage figures show that the diversion rate is recently up by 2%. Gorman: explained the Board's policy regarding garbage removal following a storm of the magnitude of April 18th. Complimented Waste Management for being very cooperative during the cleanup period. The Village's policy provides for 10 garbage stickers per damaged property with the Public Works Director having discretion to provide more. I arranged a meeting with Waste Management on that Friday and asked them to provide dumpsters throughout town and to pick up everything placed curbside with the Route Manager recording the number of missing stickers by individual address. This has worked well to encourage use of the dumpsters so that the curbside volume, while still immense, can more safely and quickly be managed by hand. The result is that the town is still able to be cleared based on the regular daily route schedule. Mike Brink complimented Lombard as the municipality that most immediately established a workable plan.

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Sustainability Framework

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Gorman: presented his draft update for comments. It was noted to delete the Recycling Education Grant Program from Page 3, add Downtown Walkability to Page 4, add the Great Western Trail Bridges and Arbor Day Tree Tags to Page 5, and insert the Facebook site for the Green Earth Institute on Page 25. Gorman: in regards to this last item, the Village's decision to promote the Green Earth Institute was based on it being a not-for-profit entity that has Public Education as a primary goal. The same rationale has been used for promoting the Citizen's Utility Board's Energy Saver Program and the Impact Illinois Energy Program.

6.0 New Business

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Arbor Day 2013

National Arbor Day April 26, 2013 and Annual Trail Cleanup on April 27, 2013 from 9 AM until Noon.

Gorman: is coordinating about 150 volunteers for the annual Trails Cleanup that is scheduled for this Saturday. The Village was able to allocate \$300 in the PRIDE Cleanup budget for some native grass and wildflower seed that he spread in some especially barren areas of the Great Western Trail following the extensive trimming and tree removal by ComEd's contractor. The crew actually removed quite a lot of Buckthorn at no cost to the Village as a result of his request. The new sunlight makes removing invasive species especially critical as the undergrowth will vie for that light. Cooper: mentioned his desire to someday see a comprehensive clearing and replanting on both Trails. Gorman: this was actually proposed by ComEd about a dozen years ago, but there was a lot of opposition.

Diane, Darlene, Nancy, Daniel and Lonnie Morris volunteered to place Tree Tags. Gorman: will have the tags delivered to their homes. These are for placement in high visibility areas.

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Cool Cities

Illinois Cool Cities Local Sustainability Protection Agreement 2015 Goals

Lonnie Morris, Chairperson of the Sierra Club's Cool Cities Program in Illinois was in attendance. She congratulated the Committee on achieving the 2012 goals and she then presented the Cool Cities 2015 goals. The main goal is to reduce CO2e emissions by 2% annually from the 2009 baseline level to 2015. Gorman: explained that he calculated the CO2e reduction based on the items so far accomplished and our reduction is already at 25% below 1990 levels. We have surpassed even the new goals. Therefore, adopting the new goals would be largely a philosophical commitment to keep pursuing

reductions. This could effect the future decision on the Electric Aggregation Contract as to whether to continue specifying carbon-free sources for Lombard.

A motion was made by Winnie Lyons, seconded by Darlene Bartt, to recommend the 2015 Goals to the Village Board. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

Fitzpatrick: stated that this could be her last meeting as Chairperson since some of the Trustee's Committee assignments will be changing. There is also one open spot for the incoming Chairperson to fill. Thanked the Committee members and Staff for working hard to accomplish quite a lot in the last few years.

Lyons: asked if anyone knew whether ComEd would lower rates below the Village's contracted rates? None of the members or staff had knowledge of what those rates would be. Lyons: inquired as to whether there would be Code Enforcement interns this summer? Fitzpatrick: yes, there will be. Lyons: expressed a desire that they be more aggressive in citing violations. Gorman: the program is purposefully designed to be advisory and non-confrontational. Any resident with a complaint about a certain property may contact Code Enforcement for investigation and possible action.

8.0 Information Only

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Certificate(s) of Recycling

Gorman: the first Electronics Recycling collection of the year on April 6th went very well. Two trucks were filled, which is more than usual. Another busy collection is foreseen for May 4th due to flood damaged basements.

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Schukat, seconded by Diana Lavaque, that this meeting be adjourned at 8:01 PM. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.