

Village of Lombard

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Minutes

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

7:30 PM

Lorraine G. Gerhardt Community Room

Environmental Concerns Committee

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

1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fitzpatrick at 7:30 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 5 - Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Jendras, Nancy Schukat, Winnie Lyons, and Jason Cooper

Absent 3 - Diana Urlaub, Darlene Bartt, and Dustin Smith

Staff Present:

David Gorman, Asst. Public Works Director
Deputy Chief Tom Wirsing, Police Department
Paul Kuehnlenz, Civil Engineer
Lisa Lullo, Records, Police Department

3.0 Public Participation

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Nancy Schukat, seconded by Winnie Lyons, to approve the Minutes of the April 24, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

5.0 Unfinished Business

[120216](#)

Dog Registration Text Amendment

Recommendation from the Environmental Concerns Committee proposing amendments to the Village Code with regard to the registration of dogs in the Village.

Fitzpatrick reported that she had a discussion with Police Department staff and Georgie Ludwig from the Lombard Veterinary Hospital on aspects of how the current program has not been effective. The tag tells Police who the owner is. Residents have to produce the rabies tag number to get the Village tag. Rabies tags gives the same information and now many people microchip their dogs. The goal is to identify owners of strays so they're not paying fees. Gorman suggested that we can put a notice in the Pride and on water bills and do a press release. The hope is to register more dogs to allow the Police a better ability to identify animals. Could also allow residents to include who their vet is. Once a database is set up it will take very

little manpower to maintain.

Cooper asked what the benefit is to the Village to change the ordinance. Is the goal to get more animals registered or is it to do away with a fee the Police can not enforce? Gorman responded that he hasn't heard complaints about the fee, it's about customer service. Cooper expressed concern that the registration will go from 800 to 20. He commented that he hasn't heard anyone say that they predict how much registration will increase and we're saying that you still have to have it, but get it on your own and we're losing 4k in revenue. Gorman explained that it's to the pet owners benefit, then we will know where the dog belongs. Jendras added that people don't have time to come in to pay \$5, but they would want it.

Deputy Chief Wirsing explained that from the Police Department perspective we need to have tags so we can get the dogs back to their owner, however, he added, you can't predict if you're going to get an increase or a decrease. Fitzpatrick added that as it stands, there would have to be a way to enforce it and for \$5 to mail out renewals is not cost effective, especially if the goal is to get the name, address and if they have their rabies shot. We are not enforcing it now, and have no way to other than when we find a dog with no tag. The thought behind this is how do we get a registry and do we still need the tags. Georgie said they are more than happy to partner with us. Once we have the information we can email an annual update. Gorman reiterated that previously there had been discussion about going to community events with a laptop to get dogs signed up and we're going to try to partner with the County to do the chip. Kuehnlentz suggested that the Mutt Strut would be a good one to do it at.

Deputy Chief Wirsing pointed out that part of the problem is that the County's database is not online. Gorman added that he called the County and asked how they know how many dogs are in Lombard and can they look up a dog. They explained that they are on paper and filed by tag number. So if the Police pick up a dog after hours there is not anyone there to verify who the dog belongs to. This will allow us to have better records than the County has.

Cooper asked if the pet owners would have to renew it online every year. Gorman responded that they would. Cooper asked if there would be a fine for not registering. Fitzpatrick responded there would only be a fine if the dog has not had its rabies vaccine. Gorman added that they will have to pay the impound fees if the dog is impounded. There is a \$50.00 fee paid for the first day \$25 for every day after.

Cooper commented that more people would probably be willing to do it online, but the ordinance does not reflect that option. Gorman explained that it doesn't say online because you don't want to define the program in the code, just the requirements. Lullo asked if there would still be a citation issued for dogs that do not have a Village tag. Gorman answered yes, it's still a requirement to register your dog, so if it's not registered you would issue a citation.

Cooper said he does not support the reason. He would support the reason as being an increase the number of dogs registered. Gorman explained that it's customer service as much as that. Fitzpatrick added that the Village needs to start working our way towards being convenient to the population. If it's good for residents and good for staff it's a win-win. it seems a like an unnecessary exchange when most of them already have a tag. Residents think we're just trying to get \$5 out of them.

A motion was made by Nancy Schukat, seconded by Jennifer Jendras, that this matter be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Jennifer Jendras, Nancy Schukat, and Jason Cooper

Abstain: 1 - Winnie Lyons

Absent: 3 - Diana Urlaub, Darlene Bartt, and Dustin Smith

[120039](#)

2012 Recycling Extravaganza

Gorman reiterated that we are adding used clothing. Goodwill employees a lot of people. They work with people with disabilities and refugees for job training. Lyons asked if they sell the rags to a company. Gorman answered that they sell some of them for combustion or they sell them as rags.

6.0 New Business

[120364](#)

Fall Trails Cleanup & Buckthorn Removal

Gorman explained that the idea is to add a fall date. Buckthorn holds its leaves long into the year, that's one of the reasons its invasive, so it will be easy to identify. November 10th is the proposed date. In the future the spring clean up will concentrate on trash and garlic mustard.

7.0 Other Business

Fitzpatrick invited the committee to accept the national sustainability award that will be presented to the Village on 7/5 at the Taste of

Lombard at 7:30 pm.

Fitzpatrick asked staff for an update on the financials (how much we're making on the electronics recycling). Gorman explained that although we get the tonnage reports, we will bill them annually. Gorman will make a spread sheet. He added that residents coming by are grateful for the service.

Fitzpatrick asked if the meeting time could be moved to 7 pm. There was a consensus to do so.

8.0 Information Only

- [050616](#) **Current Solid Waste Contract - Update**
- [070424](#) **Clean Air Counts**
- [120221](#) **Monthly E-Waste Collection**
- [110589](#) **Mosquito Abatement Program Update**

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Nancy Schukat, seconded by Winnie Lyons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.