Village of Lombard

Village Hall 255 East Wilson Ave. Lombard, IL 60148 villageoflombard.org



Minutes

Tuesday, April 24, 2012 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 7:32 PM.

2.0 Roll Call

Present 7 - Trustee Laura Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Jendras, Diana Urlaub, Nancy Schukat,

Winnie Lyons, Darlene Bartt, and Jason Cooper

Absent 1 - Dustin Smith

3.0 Public Participation

Dan Hildebrand, St. Pius X, Lombard, IL

4.0 Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Winnie Lyons, seconded by Jennifer Jendras, that these minutes be approved . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

5.0 Unfinished Business

<u>050616</u> Current Solid Waste Contract - Update

Mike Brink in attendance. Passed out report regarding recycling. Brink: pointed out that the amounts from a year ago are almost identical to this year. Gorman discussed recycling and recyclable items. Gorman: the Village is at the upper point with most of the areas around us. Maybe provide each home with a slap on sticker for their recycling bins. Jendras: maybe there are a lot of people that do not know what they can recycle. Brink: send out info - Waste Management would be happy to work on this with the Village. Everyone liked the idea of a magnet with both the Village and Waste Management logo on it that tells people what is recyclable. Committee directed Patty to put some of the more odd things in the PRIDE every issue - Green Scene.

110593 Buckthorn Removal Project

Gorman: we are pretty much set to go with the project. Urlaub: is someone marking the buckthorn? Gorman: yes, MaryMae is. She is also marking some of the other species. We actually have about 150 volunteers. Jason, Dustin and I will be riding on the trails to answer

questions, pass out supplies if needed, etc.

6.0 New Business

120215 Recycling Education Grant Request

A request from Delphi Academy in the amount of \$751.74.

Gorman: this grant did come in before the March cut-off. This would be reviewed under this current year budget. They would have to purchase their items and provide receipts prior to June 1st. Fitzpatrick polled the committee on the items on the grant application.

1-OK

2-OK

3-OK

4-OK

5-OK

6-OK

7-OK

A motion was made by Jason Cooper, seconded by Winnie Lyons, that this Request be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

<u>120216</u> 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.

(This Item was moved before 050616) Fitzpatrick: explained her reasons for bringing this item to the committee. Gorman reviewed his memo and introduced Officer Tom Wirsing to the committee. Wirsing: if a dog does not have a tag and the dog gets loose, the dog is impounded. There is a fee to get the dog back to it's owner. Fitzpatrick: there is an enforcement issue and an information issue. Talked with Georgie Ludwig from the Lombard Veterinary Hospital and she suggested making this a one time deal. Jendras: most people vaccinate their dogs. Possibly have a requirement to have dogs wear a collar and tags with the owner's name and address. I do not think that we should charge a fee. Maybe there should be something put in the PRIDE about this. Jason: is there an ordinance requiring rabies vaccinations? Gorman: yes. Gorman: 37% of homes have dogs we are missing a lot of people registering their dogs. Bartt: I think there is an objection by people about paying the \$5. Wirsing: it would be a lot easier if the county records were more up to date. Bartt: the Village should just recommend that people have tags on their dogs with identification. Further discussion ensued. Gorman: we could bring a draft to a future meeting and then send recommendations to the Village Board.

120217 Vacant Lot Gardens

A discussion regarding the possiblity of allowing gardens on vacant parcels.

Ammend the rules for for 92.33 Xeriscaping (see memo). Fitzpatrick: reviewed memo and thoughts with the committee. This would apply to properties owned by the Village. Schukat: I would think that a big issue would be water sources. Gorman: demolition properties would not be very fertile, water is shut off, and sewer is capped. Committee would like to have more info brought back regarding tear down/vacant lots. Gorman: reviewed some of the suggestions in his memo. Discussion ensued. Lyons: it would be a good idea to notify the neighbors of the intention to have a garden planted. Fitzpatrick: need to amend the code for vacant lots. Gorman: there are limitations to making community gardens. Fitzpatrick: would like to find out if the Park District wants to expand and work on this with us. If there is no interest we will just see where this goes. Gorman: I will send a letter to the Park District from the ECC.

A motion was made by Darlene Bartt, seconded by Jason Cooper, that this item be recommended to the Village Board for approval. The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

120218 Yard Waste Collection

A recommendation to change the yard waste collection period.

Gorman: would like to eliminate the last 2 weeks of yard waste collection in December. Bartt: this money will go back into our budget? Gorman: yes.

A motion was made by Nancy Schukat, seconded by Winnie Lyons, that this Resolution be recommend to the Board of Trustees for Approval . The motion passed by an unanimous vote.

7.0 Other Business

120221 Monthly E-Waste Collection

Fitzpatrick: had our first event the first Saturday in April and it went very well. Gorman: it was surprisingly quiet. I am putting out a press release that Laura and I worked on tonight. Will send an e-mail to the school districts. Jendras: asked gorman to e-mail her the press release.

8.0 Information Only

Lyons: issues on Main St. vs the Paths. Also, can someone do something about the sign in front of Mr. Z's? Fitzpatrick: his goal is to

have the sign up before the Lilac Parade. Lyons: Harrison and Main-both corners have horrible eyesores. Today at 5:00 there were at least 6 cars parked there. Bartt: is there is going to be another meeting about the electrical aggregation? Fitzpatrick: I do not know exactly what kind of bids we will be getting. We need to keep it open. Bartt: when is the next meeting about this? Fitzpatrick: May 3rd.

120219 Home Energy Savings Program

9.0 Adjournment

A motion was made by Jason Cooper, seconded by Winnie Lyons, to adjourn at 8:40 PM. The motion carried unanimously.