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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building: 2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Bob Wachsmuth called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT:	Committee Members:	Russ Hart, Tom Kehoe, Shari MacGregor, Kevin MacGregor, Robert Wachsmuth, Cerena Fischer and Rich Galor arrived at 7:08.
ABSENT:	Committee Members:	Billie Wang, Mike Wang
ALSO PRESENT:	Howard Killian, Public Works Director	

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Shari MacGregor to accept Agenda.

Seconded by Tom Kehoe.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried

3. PRESENTATIONS/ REPORTS:

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Change 8-a.3 from stamps to scraps.

Motion by Russ Hart to Approve the Minutes of February 22, 2011.

Seconded by Kevin MacGregor.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

None

6. TOWNHALL SESSION:

None

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7- a. Bee Hives

Gary Gates and Chuck William. Cook/DuPage Bee Keepers Association.

Question:

1. Proximity to houses?
2. Proximity to soccer fields?
3. Proximity to baseball fields?
4. Proximity to closest park/playground/bike path?
5. Proximity to school?

Answer: Measurements – Howard will provide.

6. How are people kept off site?

Answer: 6' fence wire lock. Log access; ID's and signs should be considered.

7. Pinpoint location on site.

Answer: Per map.

8. Water source?

Answer: Need – chicken drip cans/shallow or large pond (week to 10 days supply).

9. How many hives?

Answer: May hold 20 to begin. Teaching tool; 10 to start (2 per person).

10. How many bees?

Answer: Winter – 3,000 – 5,000 (1/3 foraging) Domesticated honey bees
Spring/Summer – 50,000 – 60,000

11. How will Bee Keepers get access?

Answer: See #6, above.

12. How do we determine if they are African?
13. What percentage is allowable?
14. Need to explain the issue.

Answer: Southern states concerns; Florida, Texas, Arizona, California. State hives inspections – registered.

15. Why this site?

Answer: Better diversity of supply. 2 ½ to 3 miles.

16. What are the benefits to Village residents?

Answer: Stewardship of the environment – food crops/annuals/flowers/thriving gardens honey – educational opportunities.

ID cards; learning experience; schools – education; boy scouts; observation hives; news worthy; benefits; enjoyable hobby.

17. What are liabilities to Village?

Answer: Village will be covered by IRMA at no additional costs. Bee keeper's sign hold harmless.

18. Types of Bees?

Answer: Honey

19. Is mowing a problem?

Answer: Mowing does not disturb the bees.

20. Fire Department uses site for fire/extraction training. Is this a problem?

Answer: Smoke could be an issue. Direct water an issue. Distance is best bet.

21. What if a new queen emerges?

Answer: Queen moved out (April to July). Swarm list.

22. How will we educate the public?

Answer: Flyers/handouts – normal method.

23. Limited trial bases possible?

Answer: Possible.

Other Issues:

- Morton Arboretum
- Paris Illinois – Bee capitol.
- Course in Bee keeping. Hives for CD Bee keepers provide a teaching environment.
- Mosquito spraying – notification
- Natural predators – Birds/Skunks
- Define short term goals/long term goals.
- NWMC Survey.
- Timeframe to move bees in? Could possibly start this year.
- Rules/Contract – Hives in state/training/insurance.

7-b. Donations to Charity

No discussion.

7-c. 2011 Schedule of Events

7-c.1 River Sweep

No discussion.

7-c.2 Storm Drain Stenciling

Lorey will provide volunteers who have called to Rich. Dan may have contact for paint.

7-c.3 Recycling

No discussion.

7-c.4 Rain Garden

No discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

8-a. Member Reports

8-a.1 Cerena Fischer
Scheduling plant sales.

8-a.2 Rich Galer
None

8-a.3 Russ Hart
None

8-a.4 Tom Kehoe
None

8-a.5 Shari MacGregor
Recycle flyer to Shari.

8-a.6	Kevin MacGregor None
8-a.7	Robert Wachsmuth None
8-a.8	Michael Wang None
8-a.9	Billie Wang None
8- b	Staff Update None

Add to group: DanHerrmann74@gmail.com

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Rich Galer to adjourn at 8:43 p.m.

Seconded by Russ Hart.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.