



VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

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

Tuesday, April 26, 2016
7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Chair Bob Wachsmuth called meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

PRESENT: Committee
 Members: Rich Galer
 Russ Hart
 Kevin MacGregor
 Shari MacGregor
 Robert Wachsmuth
 Gabrielle Wilson

ABSENT: Committee
 Members: Dan Herrmann
 Tom Kehoe
 Billie Wang
 Mike Wang

ALSO PRESENT: John Kunkel
 T.J. Moore

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Kevin MacGregor to accept Agenda.

Second by Bob Wachsmuth.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/ REPORTS:

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Kevin MacGregor to approve minutes of February 23, 2016.

Second by Russ Hart

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

None Scheduled

6. TOWNHALL SESSION:

None Scheduled

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7-a. Community Fair

Gabrielle reported the success of the Kids at Hope event that was attended with Rich and Bob. All of the ice scrapers and water bottles were given away, as well as a good amount of rulers. We should do it again next year. She also said that the more outreach we can do in the community the better to wrangle in more volunteers for our events. Also more electronic outreach via social media, if possible.

7-b. Recycling Event

Bob has done some research into what nearby towns do at their recycling events regarding acceptance of electronics; specifically, large televisions and monitors. Average cost for television/monitor poundage is approximately \$30.00 per tube television; \$15.00 per CRT TV, and \$10.00 per computer monitor. T.J. brought up that the Mayor had received an invitation to participate in a DuPage County area wide recycling event for

electronics, and it would cost us \$4,500.00. The committee was leaning away from doing this because the Village of Hanover Park also spreads into Cook County. Bob will check with Elgin Recycling to clarify the \$1,000 fee and types of electronics and their average weights.

Motion by Shari MacGregor to approve Charging for Electronics at the Recycling Event.

Second by Rich Galer.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes.

Motion Carried

7-c. Fruit Trees

Russ reported that the Hanover Park Branch Library is interested on the staff and first supervisor level in planting 1-2 fruit trees in the community garden. Gail Toben is the first coordinate supervisor at the Schaumburg library and responded that she is interested, but has to take it to her senior supervisor. Russ has an e-mail out to his initial contact, Monica, and is awaiting a response. He also noted that the library will be making raised beds approximately 3'x4'x4' and will be installed in the plaza along Irving Park Road. The soil will be provided from the University of IL Extension Service, according to the meeting on March 23 or 24, 2016.

7-d. Astronomy Night Event Planning

Kevin MacGregor has reported that the Naperville Astronomical Society is interested in doing an event with us to educate the public about light pollution. First, they need responses to the questions – When would you like the event to take place? Several possible locations were brought up by committee members including the Cricket Fields (MWRD property), the hill at 1919 Walnut (Park District property), and the ComEd substation field off of County Farm Road. Reservations will depend upon location, advertising will be done via Hi-Lighter, social media, e-blasts, and possibly the Daily Herald. Tentative timeframe of late summer, before the kids go back to school was discussed for the event. Kevin will also do a little bit of research into when the planets align for good viewing, as well as meteor showers so the public has interesting things to look at.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

- 8-a. Rich Galer
Reported that he wants to add material to the rain garden at the Village Hall to prevent it from becoming a pond. Planting will begin at Hanover Highlands in mid May for the rain garden at that location. The PTA, and Environmental club did a fundraiser to pay for the plants and materials. They are still collaborating with Jim Kleinlaugther in regards to design and specifics.
- 8-b. Russ Hart
He forwarded some articles via e-mail regarding emissions – specifically the electric versus internal combustion engines, and working to get the carbon back into the soil out of the atmosphere. There was also an article comparing the Holocaust, and climate change/extinction event we are witnessing. Little people can do kind and generous acts to help things along.
- 8-c. Dan Herrmann
Absent
- 8-d. Tom Kehoe
Absent
- 8-e. Shari MacGregor
Shared information regarding Argon’s week of events for Earth Day. Argon will be holding an open house, which is family friendly event with scientists available to talk to. This event only takes place every three to five years and requires pre-registration via they website at today.anl.gov.
- 8-f. Kevin MacGregor
Kevin gave an apiary update. He said he will not personally keep bees this year. The others will be moving in their hives within the next few weeks. Please maintain a 3 foot distance at all times when mowing. The Beekeepers are responsible for maintaining their own area in a three foot radius around their own hives. Also please mow as early in the morning as possible.
- 8-g. Robert Wachsmuth
Bob has asked the committee to please review the Cool DuPage documents

we received in an email a few months ago. Next time we should report back and discuss the goals for Hanover Park. There will be another Sustain Dupage Symposium in August. Please check out their website.

8-h. Michael Wang
Absent

8-i. Billie Wang
Absent

8-j. Gabrielle Wilson
Update given on the Kids at Hope event. See 7-a.

8-k. Staff Update
T.J. informed the committee that the rain garden at Longmeadow and Walnut is not presenting well, and being that it is highly visible by the community it needs to be cleaned up or taken out.

The second Arbor Day festival is taking place at Springwood School. Hanover Park was recognized by Tree City USA for the 31st year. MWRD will be given away 18' bare root oak tree saplings at the festival.

8.l. Trustee Liaison Update
John stated that the village has joined Greener Regional Cities – a Committee for the region involving cities to go green. He continues to fight the noise pollution brought on by the O'Hare Airport runway expansion, as well as the adoption of a GPS System for planes which allows them to fly over at a lower altitude. He is also fighting the 140 foot towers set to be installed by ComEd to draw electricity from Bartlett to the airport. Hanover Park will have five installed itself on both sides of 390.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Shari MacGregor to adjourn at 8:40.

Second by Kevin MacGregor.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.