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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING

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

Tuesday, January 26, 2016
7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

Robert Wachsmuth called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

PRESENT: Committee
 Members: Rich Galer
 Russ Hart
 Dan Herrmann
 Tom Kehoe
 Kevin MacGregor
 Shari MacGregor
 Robert Wachsmuth
 Gabrielle Wilson

ABSENT: Committee
 Members: Billie Wang
 Mike Wang

ALSO PRESENT: John Kunkel
 T.J. Moore
 Andrew Van Gorp

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by Rich Galer to accept Agenda.

Second by Russ Hart

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/ REPORTS:

Andrew Van Gorp from Sustain DuPage

Sustain DuPage is an environmental nonprofit group started in 2014. The group is gathering all DuPage County Environmental Committee/ Commissions to participate in an 80-minute symposium on March 12, 2016 at 10:00 am. They are requesting two representatives from each Committee/ Commission to give a five-minute presentation on what your Committee/ Commission is doing, how you would like to improve, and what your five year outlook is. The symposium will be broadcast live on a YouTube Channel followed by a one-hour reception. The aim is to create a coalition of DuPage County Towns to pool resources, and create a database for Commissioners and committee members. Ideally members from each Committee/Commission would meet twice a year. A survey was handed out to all members, and statistical results will be published.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Gabrielle Wilson to approve minutes of October 27, 2015.

Second by Kevin MacGregor.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS:

None Scheduled

6. TOWNHALL SESSION:

None Scheduled

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

7-a. 2016 Calendar of Events

Motion by T.J. Moore to approve a tentative calendar of Environmental Committee events. The following dates were discussed and agreed to by the committee with no vote taken.

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| Apiary Open House | 6/26/2016 |
| Drain Stenciling | 7/16/2016 |
| Recycling Event | 9/24/2016 |
| River Sweep | 10/08/2016 |

Environmental Fair

Motion by Robert Wachsmuth to approve participation in an Environmental Fair at Schaumburg Library to be held May 14, 2016.

Voice Vote:
All Ayes.
Motion Carried.

Martha Dooley invited us to participate. The conservation society will be present as well as Eagle Scouts doing a demonstration on how to make bird houses, and possible Whole Foods doing an organic food cooking demonstration. Brief discussion on whether the committee should/could do a presentation on Rain Gardens or Light Pollution.

Shari and Kevin MacGregor tentatively volunteered to do a brief presentation on light pollution and will e-mail T.J. Moore Wednesday January 27, 2016 with any scheduling conflicts.

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

8.a. Rich Galer

Reported that Jim Kleinlaugther of the Conservation Foundation is putting together a plan for the rain garden at Hanover Highlands School. The teacher is fundraising. Rain Gardens would be good to present at the Community Resource Fair.

8-b. Russ Hart

Reported he will go to a Seed to Bloom community garden kick off at the

Hanover Park Branch Library. The event is on 3/23/2016 from 11:30 am to 12:00 pm. Monica Tapia is the library coordinator for this event and requested assistance with topsoil or compost for the garden.

- 8-c. Dan Herrmann
Regrets to inform the committee that he needs to change his status from Committee member to member at large. T.J. Moore requested an e-mail or letter stating the status change.
- 8-d. Tom Kehoe
No Report
- 8-e. Shari MacGregor
Suggested a NPR story to the group about San Diego becoming energy independent through offshore/wind/solar means. She also suggested the group look into idle box/clean cities; the idle box committee for ways to reduce idling time and why that is important.
- 8-f. Kevin MacGregor
Has calls out to Carol Stream regarding their Earth Day event, to do a bee keeping presentation, as he has done in the past. He reported that he may not be able to find new uncontaminated bees this year for the apiary. And if such is the case, he will not need to purchase new equipment. He will not be teaching his regular class this winter but may do so later in the year. Also suggested organizing our own astronomical viewing for the community because The Naperville Astronomical Society has been silent to our requests for help with organizing an event.
- 8-g. Robert Wachsmuth
Brought up the tragedy in Flint, MI regarding the lead poisoned drinking water by their governor. T.J. Moore explained that chlorides in the water from the new water source in Flint, lead the water to be acidic, (or aggressive) and therefore leached lead from the pipes into the water supply. Hanover Park has no lead services, and pH balanced water. We do have lead solder on some of the pipes dating from the 1970's, in which case the lead would have already been leached a long time ago.

Bob passed out certificates of appreciation for participation in the Village's Recycling Event.

Bob also noted that he has not heard any updated regarding wastewater treatment of sewage being spewed into the Pacific Ocean near

Rio Di Janero, where the 2016 Olympics are to be held in August.

8-h. Michael Wang
Absent

8-i. Billie Wang
Absent

8.j. Gabrielle Wilson
Relayed that the composting of pumpkins was a success in Carol Stream. The town had two dumpsters set up in their fountain view area, in which residents could just drive up and drop off their pumpkins for composting. They simply contracted with their waste removal services (Flood Brothers) to pick up the pumpkins for composting when the dumpsters will have filled. Send a note to T.J. Moore to follow up with Republic Waste Services to see if they offer composting, so we could offer our residents something similar. The event was held the Saturday after Halloween.

8.k. Staff Update
T.J. Moore informed the committee that Russ Hart has gotten his requested \$200.00 to plant fruit trees this year. Russ will do some preliminary research on where to plant them, vendors, species etc. It will be put on the February Agenda to discuss these and policy aspects regarding the fruit trees. DuPage County has also offered us a \$500.00 grant to put towards document shredding at our Recycling Event. The county will be mention us as a sponsor/partner and we will include them on our advertising for the event.

8.l. Trustee Liason Update
John Kunkel reported that there will be more noise pollution in the near future with the flight pattern changes at O'Hare Airport. The airport is implementing ARNAV systems, so more airplanes will fly at lower altitudes and all runways will be east/west or north/south. He will be attending a FEMA meeting and Clean Power Energy Meeting in the next few weeks with regards to the environment. John also reported that there will be more communication towers going up in the area. Specifically, ComEd towers 140 ft. tall near the Elgin-O'Hare expressway. Also the redesign of the Elgin-O'Hare expressway will alleviate traffic near County Farm, and Sterns Road as the western entrance to the expressway will be closer to North Avenue in Bartlett.

John also collected names for attendance for the awards banquet this year, and Bob informed the committee that there will be no Environmental Award given this year to a business or individual.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Shari MacGregor to adjourn at 8:38.

Second by Rich Galer.

Voice Vote:

All Ayes.

Motion Carried.