Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2019
Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street
Community Conference Room

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Barrington Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Sinnott at 6:01 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street, Barrington, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Upon roll being called the following answered present: Jennifer Lucas, Janet Agnoletti, Matt Hokanson, Renee Blue, Vice-Chairperson Dan Goitein, and Chairperson Faye Sinnott. Susan Lenz was absent.

Also in attendance were: Jim McGrath and Zach Witt

III. Minutes

Minutes were distributed to the Committee to review.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Agnoletti and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Goitein to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

A voice vote was then called and unanimously approved.

IV. Public Comment

Zach Witt stated that he supports the electrical vehicle charging station initiative. A question was raised about whether a map existed showing the location of charging stations and Mr. Witt stated that one does exist. A question about whether those stations were privately held our not was raised with no known answer. Mr. Witt noted that he believes people expect to pay for electricity to charge their vehicles, but that if it were provided by a village for free it would be a nice perk. It was noted that most gas stations do not offer electric vehicle charging stations because they are typically located in places where people would spend about 1.5 hours.

Jim McGrath stated that Lake County is starting a pilot program for food scrap composting but that he did not have any other information on the program including whether it would be offered in parts of Barrington located within Lake County. Commissioner Blue will work with Mr. McGrath to further investigate the program as it pertains to Barrington eateries.

Mr. McGrath asked if the Committee would be considering the Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2) as part of its responsibilities. Scott Anderson stated that Village Staff are reviewing the list to identify what the Village is currently providing, what can be done, and what fits within the budget. When

Staff is done it will be provided to the Board for consideration prior to it being presented to the Committee. Mr. Anderson also thanked Mr. McGrath for the spreadsheet to better track the Village's GRC2 initiatives.

V. Discussion Re: Car Charging Stations

Jeremie Lukowicz reported that at this time the Village does not have an interest in installation of an electric vehicle charging station on Village property or right-of-way. Mr. Witt did not understand why the Village would not want to do this when the Village receives electricity for free. It was stated that electricity for the purpose of charging cars would not qualify for free as it is not for all public use. It was also explained that the Village assumes liability if they provide the electricity on Village land or right-of-way. The Village would be willing to work with private businesses to install electric vehicle charging stations on private land. A question was raised about the ability to install faster chargers but Mr. Witt stated that a Level 3 charger, the current fast charging chargers, is about $100,000. Concerns were raised by the Committee about electric charging station parking spaces not being available for traditional gas cars when parking is at a premium.

Motion: A Motion was duly made by Vice-Chairperson Goitein and seconded by Commissioner Lucas to recommend to the Village Board that the Village should reach out to the Chamber of Commerce to see if there is interest among Chamber members for its members to sponsor and install an electric vehicle charging station with cooperation from the Village.

Roll Call: Jennifer Lucas, aye; Janet Agnoletti, aye; Matt Hokanson, aye; Renee Blue, aye; Vice-Chairperson Dan Goitein, aye; Chairperson Faye Sinnott, aye; Susan Lenz, absent. Chairperson Sinnott declared the motion passed.

VI. Discussion Re: Textile Recycling

Mr. Lukowicz stated that Simple Recycling is interested in providing textile recycling to Barrington. There would be no charge for the service and collection would be done curbside on the same day as garbage collection. Included items would be clothes, shoes, purses, and small household items. The company would provide informational flyers for the purpose of education both directly to the residents, as well as for the Village to include in traditional flyers and on the website. The company would provide bags for residents to use and would replace the bags for residents as they are used or requested. A contract would be required with a commitment of 3 years.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Agnoletti and seconded by Commissioner Blue to express support for the Simple Recycling Program to the Village Board.

Roll Call: Jennifer Lucas, aye; Janet Agnoletti, aye; Matt Hokanson, aye; Renee Blue, aye; Vice-Chairperson Dan Goitein, aye; Chairperson Faye Sinnott, aye; Susan Lenz, absent. Chairperson Sinnott declared the motion passed.

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Agnoletti asked Mr. McGrath if he would be willing to share his spreadsheet for the GRC2 items. Mr. McGrath agreed to share the spreadsheet.

Chairperson Sinnott asked Commissioner Blue if she would be willing to provide an educational presentation on recycling and what educational materials are available. Commissioner Blue agreed. Vice-Chairperson Goitein requested information be included that can be presented to residents and also requested if information could be shared with the various Homeowners Associations. There is

currently a Village of Barrington Residential Composting Program video on YouTube created by Commissioner Blue.

Commissioner Lucas said that on Sunday, Go Green Barrington is putting on an event at the Catlow called "Be the Change" and invited everyone to attend.

Chairperson Sinnott confirmed that Thursdays are generally the best day for the Committee to meet, all agreed.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Blue and seconded by Vice-Chairperson Goitein to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board on Thursday, September 26, 2019.

A voice vote was then called following which Chairperson Sinnott declared the motion to adjourn had been unanimously adopted and the meeting was adjourned. The time was 7:10 p.m.