Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2021
Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street
Board 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 6:09 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Village Hall.

II. Roll Call
Upon roll being called the following answered present: Jennifer Lucas, Renee Blue, Vice-Chairperson Dan Goitein, and Chairperson Faye Sinnott.

Also in attendance were: Jim McGrath.
Village Staff: Jeremie Lukowicz, Andres Orrego

III. Public Comment
Jim McGrath: Bakers Lake has not had an issue with bad smells since June but also there haven't been any birds, or very few, in a few weeks. He believes the birds are probable cause. Fox Point north has had a bad algae bloom in Lake Louise and the smell associated with it is also bad. Lake Zurich has started a Styrofoam recycling collection facility. It has been a big success. South Barrington also has one that has been a big success as well to the point where they can't handle the amount of material they receive.
Jeremie Lukowicz: Lake Louise is owned/controlled by the Fox Point HOA. Ultimately changes there will require them. The HOA is aware of this issue and has brought it to the Village's attention as well. For water quality, the Village monitors water quality at several locations throughout town to monitor how water quality changes from when it enters the Village until it leaves the Village. This information is shared with the Flint Creek/Spring Creek Watershed Workgroup. The Village is monitoring the Styrofoam recycling and has investigated it some but it requires a lot of space and Lake Zurich has received assistance with space and costs from outside individuals/organizations. The Village does not have the space to handle the volume of Styrofoam that is collected. The Village would need assistance with space, cost, and manpower to perform this type of service.
Jennifer Lucas: The Fox Point HOA has a lake committee that is working to address issues with Lake Louise including the algae bloom/smell.

IV. Minutes
Minutes were distributed to the Committee to review.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Goitein and seconded by Commissioner Lucas to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

A voice vote was then called and unanimously approved.

V. Discussion Re: Groot Contract, Food Scrap Recycling

Rene Blue: Would like to see year round food scrap collection as part of the new contract. Having people only do it for part of the year makes it difficult to get in the habit of recycling food scraps only to pause when yard waste ends and resume the following spring. She is working with District 220 to try and implement food scrap recycling at the schools.

Faye Sinnott: Now is the time for the community to provide input and encourage Groot to change their ways.

Jeremie Lukowicz: The Village can consider year round food scrap recycling as part of the next waste contract. One thing, however, is that some residents are already unhappy about the cost of their waste collection. To show that there is a desire for some an additional service a survey or petition needs to be done to show the level of support in the community. Also, something would have to be considered for the best method to collect food scraps throughout the winter months since the large yard waste container is not realistic during that time. If changes to a future waste contract are desired, now is the time to do it because about one (1) year out from the expiration date the Village will have to start preparing for the future contract. Current tipping reports can be provided for the committee at future meetings if desired.

Dan Goitein: Does the village have the ability to select what services it wants to provide, can current services be reduced?

Jeremie Lukowicz: Ultimately the Village can select any services it wants to include or not include, however, some services are provided based on resident desires while others are done to ensure waste issues around town are minimized.

Other discussion occurred to try and reach an agreement. The decision was made to work on an educational campaign to try and inform residents about what services are provided under the contract and how to properly use those service.

Rene Blue will work on an educational campaign and also put together a petition or survey to gauge the community interest in year round rood scrap recycling.

VI. Discussion Re: Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2)

The Committee decided to focus their efforts first on the two (2) categories that appeared to score the highest. The two (2) selected categories were Waste & Recycling and Water. A threshold of greater than three (3) was then selected for focusing on subcategories. Waste & Recycling was the first category discussed. They also want to focus on areas that the Village either doesn't currently do or could be improved with minimal extra effort, specifically educational effort. The revised GRC2 items are attached with the relevant rankings.

<u>Community Education</u>

Category	Goal	No.	Objective/Strategy
Recycling	Recycles materials across all sectors	WR9	Establish and strive for specific recycling goals
Education & Engagement	Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling	WR21	Educate the community on recycling and composting practices
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR1b	Set a waste reduction goal for the community
Waste Diversion	Divert waste from landfills	WR13c	Support proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOGs)

Waste Diversion	Divert waste from landfills	WR13d	Support proper disposal of electronic waste
Education & Engagement	Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling	WR22	Educate the community to reduce waste by consuming less and reusing

Municipal Operations

Category	Goal	No.	Objective/Strategy
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR1a	Set a waste reduction goal for municipal operations
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR2	Promote and practice waste reduction & recycling in municipal operations

Community Engagement

Category	Goal	No.	Objective/Strategy
Waste Reduction	Support sustainable material management	WR+8	Make public events "zero waste"*
Education & Engagement	Engage the community in waste reduction and recycling	WR25	Engage community volunteers in recycling education and events

* The Committee acknowledges it will never be perfect but would like to see an improvement. Especially with National Night Out and recycling.

VII. Other Business

Jeremie Lukowicz – The Village is trying to improve the appearance of planters around town and might be seeking assistance from residents or community groups. If you know anyone who might be interested in assisting with this please let me know.

VIII. Adjournment

At 7:42 pm Commissioner Lucas stated she would have to leave the meeting, and a quorum was no longer present.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Commissioner Blue and seconded by Commissioner Goiten to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

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 7:44 p.m.