Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2023
Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street

MINUTES:

I. Call to Order
The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee of the Barrington Board of Trustees was called to order by Mike Casper at 6:04 PM on Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at Barrington Village Hall.

II. Roll Call
Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Committee Members Jim McGrath, Jennifer Lucas, Chris Ordway, Renee Blue, Janet Agnoletti (arrived at 6:15PM) and Chairperson, Dan Goiten.

III. Public Comment
None

IV. Approval of Minutes
Minutes of the March 1, 2023 were distributed for review. Mike Casper informed members that meeting is recorded only for minute purposes

Motion: A motion was duly made by Jennifer Lucas and second by Dan Goiten to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee. A voice vote was then called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

V. Discussion Re: Introductions of Committee Members and Village Staff

Dan Goiten said that there was no discussion and this item was carried over from the previous meeting held on November 2, 2022.

VI. Groot Recycling Flyer:
Mike Casper advised that the plastic cup recycling information was in the Groot flyer. Starbucks type cups are acceptable along with clean pizza boxes.

VII. Groot Update Discussion

Mike Casper provided an update that Scott Anderson, Village Manager; Katrina Hannah, Finance Director; and Fred Braun, Public Works Director met with Groot to discuss the possibility of a contract extension. The EAC's requests, ideas, and concerns were expressed at the meeting. Groot will put together some draft concept proposals for an extension to present to staff at a future meeting. Any extension agreed to by the Village should allow for future adjustments in any year of the contract. Groot also said they would work on an informational brochure to distribute to residents about recycling and the various services included in the agreement to help ensure residents are aware of all the programs. This outreach has not been done in several years, so it will be beneficial to remind long-term residents and educate new residents. As noted in the last EAC meeting, the Barrington contract with Groot provides more benefits than many surrounding municipalities.

Recycling for multi-unit buildings was discussed at the last EAC Meeting. Village School Partnership was discussed. Mike to follow up. Groot takes care of landfill waste, but there are schools outside boundaries. Renee Blue is unaware of the origins predating back to 2010. Public Works is currently waiting for proposal from Groot.

Chris Ordway asked if any discussion for multi-unit building. Mike said Fred attended that meeting. Dan Goitein said it was formally in 3/1/ Minutes that the EAC recommends they remove opt out options for apartments and commercial buildings. Chris Ordway asked if this needs to go to the Committee of the Whole or to Fred to formalize the answer with a "Yes" or "No".

Renee Blue asked if the contract is extended with Groot, are there any opportunities to modify the organics recycling, or will this only be during yard waste pickup. Mike Casper said this will be in the proposal.

VIII. Public Works Lighting Assessment

Mike Casper advised Public Works staff worked with a consultant at no cost to evaluate energy inefficiencies at the Public Works and WWTP. It was determined that Barrington is to have LED light fixtures installed at both facilities at no cost to Barrington. ComEd will be funding the project, saving the Village almost $50,000. Additionally, the annual electric costs are estimated to be reduced by approximately $4,000 annually at the WWTP and $2,000 annually for PW. However, ComEd does not charge for electricity at PW. They do charge for WWTP costs. In addition to the thousands of dollars of cost savings, this will significantly reduce energy usage. Future assessments are planned for additional Village facilities. EAC Committee liked this.

IX. Political Sign Survey

Mike Casper advised that Public Works requested a survey from the Northwest Municipal Conference on Political Sign Recycling. Mike Casper handed EAC a copy of the results. Mike got a lead from Jim McGrath about a company in Bedford Park

(Edwin at RJ Trucking and Recycling). There is no deadline to bring the campaign signs, just that the signs need to be metal-free. Volunteers would be able to disassemble the signs and then take them there. Please let us know if you would be able to get volunteers to continue with this recycling program now that we have found a location that takes them. Edwin at RJ would like a one-day notice of when we will deliver the signs (during the hours of 7 am-3 pm). They also need to bring a bill of lading when they go. He said simply a note on letterhead stating we are delivering the signs for recycling would be sufficient. The contact information is:

RJ Trucking & Recycling
6650 S. Oak Park Ave.
Bedford Park, IL 60638
(708) 563-2600

A recommendation was made that EAC would be willing to assist with keeping out of landfill providing there would be volunteers such as high school students to remove stakes from signs and load into bin/trailer as long as Public Works could provide a vehicle, trailer, and driver to transport. There would need to be a date agreed upon and get formally posted.

A recommendation was made that the metal stands are worth money and can be sold. A recommendation was made that politicians can purchase signs with plastic stakes. A recommendation was made that South Barrington is known for being eco-friendly and suggested Mike reach out to them for any suggestions.

X. Lead Service Line replacement

Mike Casper informed the EAC Committee that the Village is beginning to replace the lead service lines. We have around 1,000 of those lines and plan to replace 20% of them within the next year. The Village has no lead lines in the distribution system. The service lines are the lines from the distribution system to each home. This is being done by the EPA to help with improving the environment. There have been letters sent to residents. EAC Committee was satisfied that the Village applied early.

Dan Goitein asked if this is the same survey as the Water Meter Replacement Project. Mike Casper said that water meters will not be replaced in homes with lead until the lead pipes are replaced to avoid lead breaking off in the service line. There are no partial replacements. The first 20% is an EPA principal forgiveness loan. Village needed to meet criteria, and since they were aware of this project coming, the Village applied early. The Village is looking to complete 20% within the first year.

XI. EV Charging Station Grants

Mike Casper asked if the EAC help us identify a consultant and company that work with municipalities in installing EV charging stations? That would help us with the

application for a grant. If you are interested in helping identify a consultant, we can determine the best location(s). Maybe the Metra lot or somewhere downtown? Maybe the Barrington Village Center? Etc.

Discussion: Mike Casper said the Village would apply for the Grant or find out who would. Possible locations would be the Metra lot or Barrington Village Center. Customer would pay with credit card. Jennifer Lucas said she has a contact for the Grant and there are also selling points and advertisement options. She will send Mike Casper info on ChargePoint (largest EV Company) and can also reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for assistance. Cards can have several option that the Village can choose. Mike Casper said the Village can't supply free electric as this is part of the municipal tax on the tax bill.

XII. Committee Updates

a. Ban coal tar sealants – Janet Agnoletti

She discussed with new Home Rule, the Village would have more authority do be able to adopt a ban to enforce (or not enforce) coal tar sealants containing Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) which is a chemical linked to cancer and is also bad if it gets into the water system. Asphalt Emultion Sealants or latex options could be used instead. She said BACOG passed a Resolution prohibiting use on Village and Township owned properties such as parking lots, pathways, etc. There was outreach by BACOG via letter about the risks without any response. Janet Agnoletti said South Barrington (enforced) and North Barrington (not enforced) both have this ban. There was also educational information outreach to stores such as Home Depot and Menards.

Dan Goitein asked how effective is this in both communities? If the EAC goes to the Board, they may want to know this information. Janet Agnoletti advised that contractors need to register and commit that they would not use sealants with PAHs and this should be enforced via inspections. There wouldn't be much push back from residents if they received educational info showing the health concerns.

Jim McGrath said the Amendment that Janet Agnoletti passed out seemed "watered down" and the Resolution was also signed by Karen Darch.

Action Items: Janet Agnoletti will send the Resolution and the Public Act Bill to the EAC and Mike Casper. Mike Casper will also send to Andrew Thickpenny (Street Superintendent). Janet Agnoletti will get the Ordinance from South Barrington and find out the effectiveness before any presentation would be made to the Board. Janet Agnoletti will check if South Barrington can do a presentation and also see if there are other municipalities that may have a good program. She

will also send out informational links to EAC. Renee Blue said there should be educational campaigns from Spring through Fall.

A recommendation was made that Educational Articles be published in the Newsletter for the public. Bring up to Karen Darch and Village Board that Janet Agnoletti would like to have South Barrington come for a presentation. **Keep for future Agenda Item**

b. Educational Campaign - Jim McGrath
Jim McGrath heard that Public Works would consider solar when they get a new facility. Renee Blue asked if graphics were provided, would they be used? Mike Casper said the Village would be willing to consider.

A recommendation was made that information to be published in the Newsletter.

Action Items: Jim McGrath will send an email about Community Solar to include CUB and ISCA links

c. Organics recycling – Renee Blue
Renee Blue said still waiting on Groot. Therefore, there is not much of an update. She asked Mike Casper if a Survey could be sent out and he said in the past, the response was very low.

Jim McGrath asked if Groot could provide a drop off location if there would not be year-round pickup.

Action Item: Mike Casper to check with Groot on drop off location.

d. Newsletter / Calendar / Communications:
Mike Casper informed EAC if they have information for Newsletters, to send him the information and he will pass on to Kate Himes.

Action Item: Dan Goitein will send a Google Sheet Educational Calendar out to the EAC Group. Mike Casper will talk to IT about setting up and EAC email group.

e. National Night Out:
An event sponsored by the Police Department on August 1, 2023.

A recommendation was made that the EAC have a presence there.

A recommendation was made that would like involvement in trash disposal and to have a recycling station to be more green friendly. Dan Goitein would be willing to volunteer. Mike Casper can let him know a contact person. Renee Blue said at the Citizens for Conservation Ignite the Night, there were over 500 participants and minimal landfill waste was generated.

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is set for Thursday, September 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

X. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 7:52 PM.