Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street

MINUTES:

I. Call to Order

Mike Casper called to order the regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) of the Barrington Board of Trustees at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at Barrington Village Hall. Mike Casper informed members that the meeting is recorded only for minute purposes.

II. Roll Call

Upon roll being called, the following answered present: Committee Members Chairperson Dan Goitein, Jim McGrath, and Jennifer Lucas. Members not present: Renee Blue, Chris Ordway, and Matt Hokanson. Vice Chairperson Renee Blue arrived at 6:17 p.m.

Also in attendance was Clancy Potts, Events & Marketing Manager for the Village of Barrington.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Village events Greater and Greener.

- Clancy Potts provided information about scheduled village events for 2024. Below are the topics that were discussed.
    - Start with village-sponsored events. Art Festival and National Night Out.
    - The EAC will gather volunteers to manage the mindful waste buckets for two-hour shifts for the compost/recycling/trash stations.
    - EAC will gather information for a flyer to give vendors recommendations on what type of containers and products to purchase.
    - Clancy will be the contact person for events in Barrington and pass on EAC information to event coordinators.

V. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of November 2, 2023, were distributed for review.

Motion: A motion was duly made by Jennifer Lucas and seconded by Dan Goitein to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023, meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee. A voice vote was then called, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

VI. Village newsletters.

- The EAC was asked if they would like a space for environmental items in the newsletters.
- There is no length limit for an online blog and e-news spot.
- The EAC was offered a small spot on the PW printed newsletter. Maybe some short items that we can use seasonally, limited, and it might not be printed if other PW items need to be printed.
- I shared a copy of the PW section of the printed newsletter for reference to size limitations.
- The EAC said they would send information to Kate Himes, the Marketing Manager, and copy the EAC for the Village Newsletters. Topics discussed were food scraps, solar, do's and don'ts of recycling, and going green on Memorial Day at the Art Festival.
- https://www.barrington-il.gov/resources/services/recycling-refuse-services/

VII. Educational piece on food scraps.

- The EAC was offered to put together an educational piece on disposing of food scraps for a springtime release and a fall piece for winter food scrap disposal.

VIII. Tree planting brochure.

- The EAC was asked to put together a parkway tree brochure.
- I explained that the tree selection needs to be separate because that changes each year.
- The trees are for the parkway.
- Provide them with a printed copy of another brochure as an example.
- I shared information on copyright infringement.
- I mentioned the Canva website for making a brochure. https://www.canva.com/

IX. Future ideas.

- I mentioned that in the future, when the EAC has an idea they would like me to pass along, please write it down so that I can pass it along and nothing in the concept gets lost.

X. Election Sign Recycling.

- Thanks for starting this election sign recycling program. So much has changed, from who will take them, driving distances, and lack of volunteers. The village will be heading this project ourselves, and we will handle everything.

XI. Other Business.

XII. Barrington 2023 Environmental Fun Facts.

- Number of lead service lines replaced. 95
- Number of lead service lines remaining. 643
- Total tons of recycling collected. 117.37, or the weight of 58.5 average-sized cars.
- Total MG of drinking water treated. 488.184 million gallons. This equals 12,204,600 bathtubs filled with an average of 40 gallons of water. 7,810,944,000 Billion 8-ounce glasses of water
- Total MG of wastewater treated. 793.583 or 113,369,000 million toilet flushes.
    - Possible footing drain sump pumps educational article for the Village newsletter.
- Batteries recycled. 741 pounds. The recycled batteries weigh the same as FIFTY bowling balls.

- The village assisted with reducing the phosphorus levels in the village waterways at the Fox Point Pond inlet. Phoslock and Eutrosorb bags.
- The village applied for a grant to repave a stretch of George Street with permeable pavement.
- Recycling CFL lights.
    - Possible educational article for the Village newsletter.

X. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dan Goiten and seconded by Jennifer Lucas to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m. A voice vote was then called, and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is set for Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM.