Environmental Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 7, 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 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Barrington Village Hall. Mike Casper informed members that the meeting is recorded only for minute purposes.

II. Roll Call

Upon being called, the following answers were given: Committee Members Jim McGrath, Matt Hokanson, Jennifer Lucas, and Kimberly Saunders. Members not present: Chairperson Dan Goitein, Vice Chairperson Renee Blue, and Chris Ordway. Vice Chairperson Renee Blue arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Kimberly Saunders was introduced as the newest member of the EAC and was recently appointed by the village board.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of February 21, 2024, were distributed for review.

Motion: Jennifer Lucas duly made a motion, and Matt Hokanson seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee's February 21, 2024, meeting. A voice vote was then called, and the minutes were approved. Kimberly Saunders abstained.

V. Tree planting brochure.

- Public Works would like to thank Jennifer for her hard work putting together a village tree planting brochure.
- Due to the cicada hatch, the village has no plans to plant trees in the spring this year.

VI. Village newsletters/Educational Material.

- Please send Mike at Public Works this material, and I will pass it along to the correct person for posting these items.
- Questions were discussed about the size of printed material. I mentioned that I supplied an example of the size required at the February 21st EAC meeting.

- Matt asked if we have a list of items currently available on tips for homeowners. Then, the EAC could add missing items. Kimberly offered to share items that BACOG created as tips for homeowners.

VII. Planner/zoning.

- The Development and Services Department requested that the EAC develop a list of environmental questions they can include on building permit applications. The EAC can then review the answers to these questions for future building permits and send me any additional comments they might have that I can pass along within a limited time. The EAC is also welcome to attend Tech Review meetings for development projects, where the public can comment on the various projects.
- I was requested that the EAC receive a blank copy of a permit application for review. Then, research will be done on what environmental questions the EAC can include.
- It was asked if the village has a tree replacement ordinance. Mike will research that and get back to the EAC.
- The EAC was asked what type of permits, commercial and/or residential, it would review. Mike will research that and get back to the EAC.

VIII. Committee of the Whole Meeting.

- There are typically two monthly Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings. This is the typical time for the EAC to pass information to the Board of Trustees. Staff can give a report from the EAC, and EAC members will be given time to address the Board.

IX. Electrical Cabinet.

- The village will install an electrical cabinet for special events at the southwest corner of Wool Street and Klingenberg Lane.
- This cabinet will be sized to operate ten future EV charging stations, which will be a separate project from this one.
- It was asked what type of power plant would supply power to the electrical cabinet. This would be a ComEd question.

X. Art Festival.

- Low waste project.
- Need help to recruit volunteers.
    i. Village FB post.
    ii. Sign Up Genius. Jennifer set up.
- Three dumpsters have been ordered. 20-yard garbage, 10-yard recycling, and 10-yard composting.
- The requested garbage, recycling, and composting bags have been ordered.
- Jennifer will send the EAC members a link to the Sign Up Genius.
- A link to the Sign Up Genius has been sent to the science teachers.

- It was asked how the event planner was chosen and if the EAC could be involved in the future planning events.

XI. Water Ambassador.

- This year, the village received Gold Status for the Water Ambassador program. This program's status is based on communicating content on water-related topics to the community through social media, website postings, bill inserts, and newsletters. The three status levels are bronze, silver, and gold.

XII. Other Business.

- Recycled 2,000 Lbs. of holiday lights from residents this last season.
- Jim asked about what happened a while ago when Groot put his food scraps in the garbage bin. Mike will get back to the committee on this.
- Pictures of future highway garbage pickup events will be shared on social media.
- Vice Chairperson Renee Blue announced she will be rotating off the EAC for now.
- The number of members of the EAC was discussed. After reviewing the resolution, it states, “The committee shall consist of seven voting members.” It does not mention a maximum for non-voting members.
- It was asked if the EAC members could speak at the COW meetings. Yes, they are allowed, but I recommend that they notify the village first so that the topic can be included in the agenda.

XIII. Adjournment.

- A motion was made by Jennifer Lucas and seconded by Jim McGrath to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:50 p.m. A voice vote was then called, and the meeting was adjourned.

The Environmental Advisory Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM.