

Environment & Energy Commission
Minutes of the July 1, 2014 Meeting
Village Hall, Room 130

PRESENT: Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Bob Peterson, Carolyn Cullen, Peter Hugh, Hanna Kwiecinska, Townsend Bailey, Bill Burns, Alex Frank and Michael O'Rourke

STAFF: Karen Rozmus

The June 3 minutes were approved unanimously.

Chairperson Report: EEC Chair Bridge reported that he attended the lecture on pesticides at the Library. The discussion focused on RoundUp. Chair Bridge reported that he attended the PlanItGreen core team meeting and they discussed future funding. They are also looking at projects for grant applications and will be reviewing proposals submitted by Pesticide Action for an education campaign and Wild Ones for bee and butterfly pathways. Chair Bridge reported that the IKE committee will be collecting comments from all perspectives regarding the proposed expressway expansion. EEC members, including new member Michael O'Rourke, introduced themselves.

Staff Reports: Staff report from Karen Rozmus was accepted.

Public Comment: Peggy McGrath distributed some information from the Midwest Pesticide Action Center on pending legislation sponsored by Senator Harmon. She also stated that public education is a key component.

Discussion Items

A. LED Street lights.

LED lights are included in the Harrison Streetscaping design to be completed in 2014. A demo light will be installed allowing business owners to comment.

B. Plastic Bag Ordinance.

Commissioner Cullen will work with Karen to compile information on other laws regarding plastic bags. Karen will try to get information on bag cost for Oak Park businesses.

C. Pesticide Awareness.

Commissioner Cullen will work with Peggy to develop materials to be used for Oak Park residents. Karen will submit the materials to the Communications department for formatting and distribution.

New Business

Commissioner Kwiecinska asked a question about leaf blowers which was answered by Karen.

Commissioner Peterson and Commissioner Bailey asked Karen to confirm the November date for the Green Awards ceremony.

Adjourn: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Rozmus