



Lemont Environmental Advisory Commission

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MINUTES – October 27, 2011

Attendees: C. Albrecht, G. Bergmark, E. Carusiello, D. Dabney, B. Reinke, T. Thomas
Excused: M. Nichols

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes and financials.

Mike Morley from Waste Management was our guest speaker. He reminded us of the new law that will go into effect on January 1, 2012. The commission was able to see the expanded list of items that will no longer be considered standard refuse nor recyclable items. The commission will ensure the list is included in the fall newsletter.

M. Morley also reported on a new program “At Your Door Special Collection.” This program will include hazardous household items. There is a cost that would be added to Lemont’s monthly bill. Waste Management is interested in finding a few communities that would be willing to pilot the program. The commission expressed interest in helping determine if Lemont would be a good candidate. This is an issue that will have to be faced eventually.

#6054 - Lemont Green Initiatives: Retain

#6056 - Oxbow Midwest Calcining (formerly Chicago Carbon Company): A series of complaints have been received from one resident. The situation has been turned over to lawyers at this point. Tom Ballard is no longer in the equation.

#6057 - Environmental Checklists: At the last meeting E. Carusiello suggested that the checklist and ordinances be reviewed to generate a gap analysis. That was presented to Charity Jones and she asked the commission to start the review. E. Carusiello will research the check list and ordinances and report back upon completion.

#6060 - Tech Review: PNC has requested to put a bank on the northeast corner of the Jewel lot.

#6061 - Tier Two and Form R Reports: B. Reinke reports as they become available.

#6076 - Midwest Generation and Citgo: The Commission will attempt to set up a visit to Citgo.

#6078 - Alternative Energy Ordinances: The Village has minimal ordinances. Ordinances continued to be collected from surrounding municipalities. The commission will continue to research this topic.

#6083 – Recycling: The October 15th collection was successful. The final quantities are not all in but so far we know:

- ❖ 450lbs. of alkaline batteries
- ❖ 2 boxes of CFL bulbs (approx. 300 bulbs)



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- ❖ 2 boxes of fluorescent bulbs (approx. 130 bulbs)
- ~ In the spring E-Scrap will not take televisions or monitors
- ~ The recycling articles for the newsletter need to be written by or approved by the commission before going to print to ensure accuracy.

#6084 – Items to put on our agenda for the coming year

- Rain Barrel program - contact Will County or others to research this project. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) might be an option. The current price from MWRD is \$51. T. Thomas will check the prices at the local big box stores for comparison purposes.
- Prairie Landscaping for residences-there is current discussion around allowing residents to do native planting in residential areas. We will look forward to further information on this and encourage in whatever way we can.

#6085 – The OAN sentries – This meeting will change next year. The time and organization of the meeting and awards is still being determined.

#6088 – The certification for non-attainment was requested and it is awaiting a decision from the USEPA. There is no new word on the status of this item.

#6089 – Vintage Tech directed us to their website. It provides standard information. While they claim to be a ‘no landfill’ recycler, there is no information with regard to how they recycle what they pick up. Since the Village has decided to use them there is no need for the Commission to pursue this matter.

E. Carusiello reported on the Argonne Round Table. It was quite interesting and involved an Environmental Status Update. The facility also monitored the air for the radiation from the Japanese reactor. There were very small trace amounts detected. Argonne is installing a wind turbine for study purposes. A public hearing will be held prior to installation.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: December 1, 2011

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Thomas
Secretary
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