

Village of Villa Park
Village Hall, Committee of the Whole Room
20 S. Ardmore Avenue
Villa Park, IL 60181

Environmental Concerns Commission

February 28, 2019 – 7 PM

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Call Meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Commissioners Justin Shlensky, Sandra Hill, Ellen Jurkonis and Robert Wagner. All commissioners present: quorum met

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

3. Amendments to the Agenda – None

4. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the Meeting held on January 24, 2018

Motion to accept minutes was made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Jurkonis. Minutes approved 4 -0.

5. Business

- a. Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus GRC2 initiative: Discussion ensued about the presentation by Edith Makra, Commissioner Wagner stated he would present the Commission's recommendation to the Village Manager. Commissioner Jurkonis asked how Villa Park would evaluate its progress with respect to the aims of the GRC2. Commissioner Wagner stated that it would help the village focus its sustainability efforts. Commissioner Jurkonis moved to recommend that the village sign on to the GRC2 Initiative and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion approved 4- 0.
- b. 2018 Green Champion Award: Discussion ensued about the Green Champion Award and that the deadline was on March 15th. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that he could not find the link to the nomination form on the village's web site. Commissioner Shlensky said he would contact Kelly Kuechle to have that corrected.
- c. Villa Park Clean Sweep: Commissioner Shlensky reported that the ECC would be partnering with the Village Pride Commission on the event and that it would take place on May 18, 2019. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that Roy Strom was partnering with the village on the event and was going to provide paper shredding for village residents. SCARCE is providing advice and assistance to promote the event. Items to be collected will be SLA batteries, electronics, bicycles, fabrics, tools, etc.
- d. School Clean-up Locker Project: Discussion ensued about last year's effort and that there was press coverage for the project. Commissioner Jurkonis will coordinate this year's effort. Commissioner Jurkonis stated that volunteers for the event might come from Key Club, Builders Club, Friends of the Library, Students for a Better Environment and the PTA.

6. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

7. Chairman's Comments: Commissioner Shlensky stated that he would set up a Gmail calendar to list Commission events. Commissioner Shlensky mentioned the Rain Barrel Purchase assistance program and that the village will provide a subsidy of up to \$40.

- 8. Village Board Liaison Comments:** Commissioner Wagner stated that it would be nice to present all the Village Board members with a reusable water bottle instead of using single-use plastic water bottles. He said he would contact the DuPage County staff that run Cool DuPage and see if eight reusable water bottles could be obtained.
- 9. Commissioner Comments:** It was mentioned that the Conservation Stream Sweep will take place on Saturday, May 18th
- 10. Village Staff Comments** – None
- 11. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Jurkonis and second by Commissioner Hill.
Approved 4 – 0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:37 PM.