

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

Environmental Concerns Commission

July 25, 2019 – 7 PM

1. Call to Order – Roll Call

Call Meeting to order at 7:09 PM

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

Visitor Present: No Visitors

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

3. Amendments to the Agenda – Commissioner Hill offered an amendment to the agenda to include an item labeled as Agenda Item 5.f. That new agenda item would be the discussion of the Adopt-A-Tree Program. Commissioner Hill made the motion and Commissioner Wagner seconded the motion. Amendment to the agenda was approved by voice vote.

4. Approval of Minutes – Minutes for the Meeting held on June 27, 2019

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

5. Business:

- a. **Pumpkin Smash 2019:** Commissioner Shlensky stated that this year's Pumpkin Smash will be held on November 2nd. Some discussion ensued about recruiting volunteers. It was recommended that Roy Strom be contacted to provide a dumpster.
- b. **Reusable Water Bottles:** Commissioner Shlensky noted that commission had spent \$362.49 on the reusable water bottles and he showed the Commission the final product. There was discussion about presenting the water bottles to the Village Board at the August 12, 2019 Village Board meeting.
- c. **EC3 2019 Meetings:** Commissioner Shlensky announced that members of the Commission had received an invitation from Andrew Van Gorp to participate in EC3 gatherings. It was explained that EC3 is an organization that brings together Environmental Commissions from around DuPage County to share ideas and discuss the environmental initiatives in their community. Commissioner Shlensky encouraged Commissioners to attend their next meeting on August 1st from 6 PM – 8 PM at the Glen Ellyn Public Library.
- d. **Solar Hour – August 27, 2019:** Commissioner Wagner stated that a Solar Hour program had been scheduled with a representative of the Citizen's Utility Board (CUB) on Tuesday, August 27th from 6 PM – 8 PM in Room 10 of the Iowa Community Center and that the program covered many aspects of installing solar panels with the aim of gathering homeowners in the region for a

joint purchase that will be coordinated by CUB. Commissioners were encouraged to publicize the meeting and to attend.

- e. **Proposed Bike, Pedestrian and Transit Subcommittee:** Commissioner Wagner stated there was a need for a Bike, Pedestrian and Transit Subcommittee to monitor the implementation of the Bike and Pedestrian Plan and to champion issues involving Transit. It was mentioned that issues such as the rerouting of PACE Bus Route 313 and the need for a pedestrian underpass supported the creation of the subcommittee under the auspices of the ECC. Discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Commission to continue discussion of the proposal at the August 22nd meeting.
 - f. **2019 Adopt-a-Tree Program:** Commissioner Hill stressed the fact that there was currently little resident participation in the 2019 Adopt-a-Tree and there was a pressing need to replace trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, Discussion ensued about what types of trees the Village is currently planting. There was also discussion about what the Commission could do to encourage resident participation in the program. It was the consensus of the Commission to invite a member of village staff to the next ECC meeting. Commissioner Wagner offered to make those arrangements through the village manager's office.
- 6. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** - None
 - 7. **Chairman's Comments:** No additional comments noted.
 - 8. **Village Board Liaison Comments:** No additional comments.
 - 9. **Commissioner Comments:** Commissioner Callan was welcomed to the Commission and she described her past involvement championing environmental issues. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that the village had recently purchased a hybrid patrol vehicle and that there were hopes that future purchases would include these types of vehicles. Commissioner Jurkonis expressed a desire to have a more in-depth discussion of the Greenest Region 2 Compact and find some direction for the Commission based on that document. Commissioner Wagner mentioned that he had attended a Town Hall meeting held by U.S. Representative Krishnamoorthi at which there was a discussion of the Green New Deal.
 - 10. **Village Staff Comments** – None
 - 11. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Shlensky and second by Commissioner Jurkonis. Motion to adjourn approved 4 - 0. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Robert J. Wagner