

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 7 p.m.  
City Hall**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Carol Angarola, Rita Dolan, Bob Kanara, Jean-Marie Kauth, David Leonard, Ruth Patterson

Staff Liaison Present: Ana Vainisi

Commissioners Absent: Betty Roubik

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of December 15, 2009 minutes was tabled until the next regular meeting.
2. Appointed Rita Dolan to take minutes for this meeting

**D. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

None

**E. BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. Arbor Day Planning

Warrenville's Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Saturday, 4/24/10.

Ruth will send a draft brochure to Ana. It will include an advertisement for the bike corral.

The Park District would like to hold the Arbor Day celebration at Summerlakes. Ana will request a map of the location and ask if it is ok to have vendors there. Jean-Marie will ask Whole Foods if they would like to participate.

Betty was absent, but it was noted that she offered to talk to the Boy Scouts because they would like to donate a tree to commemorate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Ruth offered to contact the schools to see if there is interest in preparing poster boards with information about the Giveaway Trees. It was suggested that posters might be put up at an indoor location before the event, and then moved to the event location.

Lists for native trees were reviewed, and it was decided that one large tree and about four small trees would be given away. Dave will check on the availability of the following suggested trees, and he will order the trees from Kakne's Landscape Supply in Naperville.

Suggested large trees: White Oak (*Quercus alba*); Sassafras (*Sassafras albidum*)

Suggested small trees: Allegheny Serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*); Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*); Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*); Indigo Bush (*Amorpha fruticosa*); Prairie Willow (*Salix humilis*).

It was suggested that the Mayor be the only speaker this year. We may want to contact the Morton Arboretum to see if Morty the Tree is available.

Rita brought a free booklet from the Morton Arboretum called "Selecting and Planting Trees" that we can handout at the event.

Rita will contact Urban Oen to see if he is interested in presenting info about organic gardening.

2. Open Burning

Jean-Marie reported on her presentation of the EAC recommendations on Open Burning to the Community Development/Planning Meeting of the Whole on January 11, 2010. The recommendations were approved. We agreed to research and provide information about drought conditions and ozone action (air quality alert) days and to assist with language of the City Code as requested. After the ordinance is codified, Jean-Marie offered to prepare information for Channel 10. The City Council requested an update at the end of the year after we implement our educational efforts.

3. Arboricultural & Open Space Manual

Rita reported on her presentation of the EAC recommendation to contract with The Care of Trees to update the Arboricultural and Open Space Manual. The recommendation was approved. Ana will have the contract executed.

4. The Resource Mailer (Spring/Summer 2010 issue)

Articles should be sent to Vainisi by April 1, 2010. The following articles were suggested: Dave – battery recycling program; Bob – phosphorus fertilizer; Jean-Marie – Air Quality Index; Dave – carbon footprint; Ana – new regulations for electronics recycling; Carol – proper way to mulch trees; Jean-Marie – library reading group/book review program.

5. Rt. 56 Streetscape Workgroup

Carol indicated that there was a meeting today between Hitchcock, IDOT, and the City. The future meeting dates are to be determined.

6. Review of Ongoing Projects List

Rita presented the updated list of EAC projects, and requested updates from the commissioners responsible for each project. Ana noted that the Mayor plans to request that the City calendar be prepared by a different commission each year.

**F. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

1. Carol noted that Chicago Wilderness no longer publishes a magazine. She arranged to receive CW emails from now on.

2. DuPage Environmental Summit/Conservation Foundation at Benedictine University: Jean-Marie said the conference focused on preserving open space. She said that one surprising fact was that a study showed that children spend an average of 5 minutes outdoors, and 6 hours watching TV. One-fifth of children do not spend any time outdoors.

3. U of I Green Network Extension: Rita noted that Eve Pytel of the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus discussed various clean air programs, including Clean Air Counts. The Clean Air Counts survey has been simplified, and Ana will check to see if the Mayor would like to enter the program. Rita received info about Lombard's composting program and will distribute it for discussion during the next regular meeting. Jean-Marie will distribute info about commercial food composting. Carol also has info about composting to distribute.

4. Ana noted that the draft agenda for the next Community Development/Planning meeting on 3/8/10 includes two EAC items. One item is EAC's policy on ash trees. Jean-Marie wrote the policy, and noted that the ash borer has not been seen in Warrenville yet, so we can postpone this item a year. The other item is the issue of phosphorus in lawn fertilizer. WEAC recommends that

the City Council ask us to do research on the issue, including sample ordinances of other cities, availability of non-phosphorus fertilizers, etc. Bob has already agreed to research this issue.

5. Carol noted that FermiLab has an open house on 2/21/10.

**H. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rita Dolan