

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.
Warrenville City Hall Gallery Conference Room
28W701 Stafford Place**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Sarah Anderson, and Commissioners Amy Becker-Karl, Kathy Franke, and Jean-Marie Kauth

ABSENT: Bob Kanara

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison Lauren Whetstone; Council Liaison Kathy Davolos

ALSO ABSENT: None

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

D. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS

The Staff Monthly Report was included in the agenda packet and provided. America in Bloom (AIB) suggested the WEAC promote native gardens through The Resource. Warrenville AIB won the best award for cities with populations between 14,000 and 17,000; also, the National AIB includes a new category on the environment.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Becker-Karl made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2020 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Franke, which was unanimously approved.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Battery Boxes: The collection box was moved from downstairs in City Hall since the batteries that are dropped off are not in compliance. The EAC decided to continue with battery collection at the upstairs collection box, which is more visible. More boxes will need to be ordered, and there is money in the budget to do that.

2. Annual Report: Chair Anderson circulated the annual report.

3. Spring Resource Planning: The Resource will be mailed in April. The Resource will need to be ready for printing in March. Commissioners will need to send articles to Chair Anderson. Commissioner Kanara will write about the annual river clean up; Commissioner Kauth will address mosquito abatement and healthy lawns; and Commissioner Anderson will do an Arbor Day Event notice. A little blurb on native gardening would be good. Information on recycling can be posted by the battery box.

4. Arbor Day Planning: Commissioner Anderson will be sending out invitations to organizations that have had tables in past years and will reach out to the Lions Club and Key Club for volunteers. The Arbor Day Tree-O will be there. Liaison Whetstone has purchased the rain barrels and confirmed that the high school will be painting them again. She dropped off the rain barrels at the high school. The trees have been purchased. The EAC will get posters and half-sheet flyers for Family Foods to hand out. It would be nice to have a compost demo table. Liaison Whetstone will order gifts, more for children this year. Commissioner Franke said SCARCE and the River Prairie Group of the Sierra Club will be holding an educational event at SCARCE Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7 p.m.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

H. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Becker-Karl is going to reach out to Amazon to question recycling options for their packaging. Commissioner Kauth reported a recycling extravaganza – Sustainable Saturday -- will be held on Saturday, March 21 at Benedictine University from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Additional details can be found on the Lisle City or SCARCE websites. Paint will be collected for reuse this year as well as many other things.

I. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Kauth, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Kauth