

**CITY OF WARRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
City Gallery
at City Hall, 28W701 Stafford Place, Warrenville**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kauth called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jean-Marie Kauth, Commissioner Bob Kanara, Commissioner Kathy Franke, Commissioner Cecilia Gerber, Commissioner Terri Basch, Council Liaison Kathy Davolos, Staff Liaison David Romero.

Absent: None

Also present: Kay Halpin representing Warrenville in Bloom.

C. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022 MINUTES (PDF)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kanara to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022 meeting, was seconded by Commissioner Basch and was passed unanimously.

D. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

E. OFFICIALS AND STAFF COMMENTS/REPORTS (PDF)

Council liaison Davolos reported that the Public Works' presentation on Warrenville's current tree status with a 10-year plan for increasing the tree canopy was well received by the Council and was passed unanimously. Parkway Ash trees lost in Summerlakes will be the first replaced; with the type of trees yet to be determined. The EAC will make recommendations on species that are most resilient. Financing will be included in the Council's FY 2024 Budget and the EAC will participate in applying for grant funding from the Morton Arboretum when the application process is again available.

F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. 2022 Annual Report (JK)

There were no comments concerning the 2022 annual report. Chair Kauth reviewed the 4 agenda items for the year: coal tar ban has been implemented; tree planting is moving forward with the Council; solar promotion; and single-use plastic ban.

Single-use plastics: After discussion, it was decided to reserve a room at the library for a public educational session on March 14, 2023, which will cover both the environmental impact of plastics as well as the personal health effects of microplastics.

Commissioner Gerber suggested that after the listening session with stakeholders, an opportunity for community input would help to build consensus. Council liaison Davolos remarked that City Council will also need to be educated.

Staff liaison Romero suggested reaching out to the DuPage County Environmental Committee for any suggestions or updates from them. Commissioner Franke will contact Chair of that committee and Chair Kauth will reach out to Kay McKean from SCARCE who is very involved in the DuPage County Board's activities.

2. 2023 Arbor Day Planning (DR)

The EAC unanimously decided to return to the Warrenville Park District gym for the 2023 Arbor Day event. Staff liaison Romero will reserve it for the last Saturday in April.

The list of previous participating organizations was retrieved and the list for invitations will be finalized at the next meeting. Commissioner Kanara suggested adding Groot to the list as Warrenville's new waste hauler to educate the public on recycling restrictions. Kay Halpin remarked that WIB will no longer be selling tomato plants at Arbor Day, but will still need a couple tables for limited perennials and echinacea plugs.

Discussion about trees for public give away and ceremonial planting began. Chair Kauth suggested getting slightly bigger trees this year to ensure more successful growing. The types of trees to be purchased will also be finalized in January.

3. Planning for Magnolia seedlings Arbor Day 2023 distribution (DR)

After discussion, it was decided to use a combination lottery and silent auction system as a means of distributing the seedlings. One seedling will be given to Emily, and one seedling will be given to Vivian as gifts. The EAC will need approval from the city along with directives on how to collect the money and where funds will go after being collected. Free distribution was rejected to encourage only those growers with a serious interest to participate.

4. Update on native trees/plantings/pollinators (JK)

There will be educational material available for Arbor Day and maybe for the listening session at the library.

5. Discuss solar promotion/educational materials (JK)

Chair Kauth is going to talk to Connie Schmidt for suggestions. Commissioner Franke talked to the Chair of the DuPage County Environmental Committee, who responded that they do not have any materials available. Commissioner Franke will also talk to Jeff Gahris who is very involved with the Illinois Solar Energy Association (ISEA).

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/REPORTS

No Comments or Reports

H. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Gerber to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Basch and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Franke