



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue
WILMETTE, ILLINOIS 60091-0040

MEETING MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY COMMISSION

**MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016
6:30 P.M.
VILLAGE BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

Members Present:

John Andersen
Chris Dunn
Dr. Arthur Haut
Michael Kim
Linda Kurtz
Ken Obel
Tim Perry

Members Absent:

Pat Meara

Staff Present:

John Adler, Director of Community Development

Guest:

Beth Drucker, Go Green Wilmette/Wilmette Citizens for Active Transportation, Peg Cartier, League of Women Voters/Go Green Wilmette, Susan Morrison, League of Women Voters, Georgia Gebhardt, League of Women Voters, Lali Watt, League of Women Voters, Trudy Gibbs, League of Women Voters/Go Green Wilmette, and Trish Nealon, League of Women Voters

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dunn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 11, 2016 MINUTES

The approval of the January 11, 2016 minutes was moved by Commissioner Andersen and seconded by Commissioner Perry. All were in favor of approval.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report

IV. STAFF REPORT

No report

V. BICYCLE TASK FORCE (BTF) UPDATE – COMPLETE STREETS

Commissioner Perry handed out copies of the Wilmette Citizen's for Active Transportation's quarterly newsletter. He talked about goals including the development of a comprehensive workable bike plan. He said WCAT was going to try and win support from the Village Board for the bike plan. He pointed out the last section of the newsletter, which showed that 97% of the Village's transportation budget was earmarked for cars with 3% earmarked for active transportation (sidewalk replacement). Commissioner Andersen asked if the EEC should make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the funding of a bike plan. The Commission agreed and asked staff to draft a memorandum to the Village Board recommending that the funding for a comprehensive bike plan be included in the 2017 budget. Commissioner Andersen thought it would be beneficial to understand how much other communities earmark towards active transportation to provide some context to the 97%-3% numbers highlighted in the WCAT newsletter.

VI. COAL TAR SEALANT DISCUSSION

Chairman Dunn talked about the next steps in the coal tar sealant report process. He suggested that members of the Commission volunteer to further refine one of the eight sections of the report. He said he believes that he knows how the members of the Commission feel about a potential ban but felt that staff should reach out to the coal tar-sealant industry to ask if they wanted to provide any additional information for inclusion in the report. Commissioner Haut expressed a concern about the studies included in the draft report that deal with the effects of coal-tar on human beings. He did feel that the referenced studies regarding the impact that coal tar has on wildlife were more conclusive. It was decided that Dr. Haut would work with staff to further define the report sections that deal with scientific findings. Chairman Dunn proposed the next meeting of the EEC be April 11th at which the further refined draft report would be presented and additional testimony could be received. Ms. Watt was concerned about the timing given that many property owners sealcoat in spring.

VII. GOING GREEN MATTERS EEC PARTICIPATION DISCUSSION

Going Green Matters will be held on March 13th at the Michigan Shores Club. Ms. Drucker provided an overview of the event. Commissioners were encouraged to attend.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Drucker let the EEC know about a request by Loyola Academy to build two parking lots on vacant property and two developed single family lots. She didn't know how the lots were proposed to be constructed but she felt they would have an impact in an area prone to flooding. Mr. Adler said Loyola's zoning request has been scheduled before the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 6.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Haut moved to adjourn and Commissioner Perry seconded. At 7:55 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Adler
Director of Community Development