



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 8 – 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the River Forest Sustainability Commission was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted in the Community Room at the River Forest Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Ave., River Forest.

Chair and secretary were present.

Quorum was present

Public Comment: Susan Charette from Parks Foundation brought to our attention that Jewel/Osco gave the park district a \$2,500 grant to be used to finance community gardens. Park District was going to use some of this money to pay for past purchases for herb garden. Going to research if this is allowed.

Commissioner Report on Meetings

Julie attended the Planet green meeting and a meeting regarding zero waste with 7 generations ahead.

Mary Susan - Attended Library Magnificent Mutts event to ask RF residents to take our survey. Attended Leadership Lab and will partner with Suncity Grant with a zero waste grant. Needs 250 to commit but have until December.

Eric - Attended seminar given by a geology professor at UIC regarding the effect of humans on Great Lakes. Would like to bring the Solar Car Race to River Forest Schools.

Mary -no meetings

Beth - Il Green Alliance. April 22nd ambassador table , Party for the Planet,

Recycling Extravaganza - Huge success. 329 residents, 36 non residents, George Strom on site was a huge help providing additional rollofs. Location was too congested and traffic should line up going West.

Green Block Parties - Secured funding for Pollinators for Parkways with Deep Roots . Deep roots will work with resident on location of garden and come out and cut bed before block party. Resident will understand that the Village can remove garden if necessary. Budgeted for 30 block parties and our budget will cover the Deep Roots labor.

8th Grade sustainability Tour - May 23rd Community Garden AM/PM, May 24th, Roy Strom at school in am, children to visit village hall in PM. May 29th, Eric's house to view solar panels etc.

Artificial Turf - White paper with links regarding artificial turn will be sent to the Village and park district. also take to Parks Foundation for their input.

Community Vegetable Garden - Would like to do a photo event/ribbon cutting at first harvest.

Health Lawn Health Family - needs more stands and help delivering signs. all agreed to help deliver. Deep Roots will educate at green block parties and take pledges.

SC Survey - John fixed the link. 50 responses. will try to set up at Memorial Day parade, Party in the Park. Decided to keep survey open until next meeting June 5th.

Mosquito Fogging/Larvicide - Are we allowed to take tax dollars and change from fogging to larvicide. Still researching this issue.

Website - Changes have been made to structure but not content. Add block party to have its own section.

Deep Roots - Big Idea - First garden is at Dominican. Deep Roots will provide manpower and education. First Presbyterian and Grace Lutheran will be other possible garden locations. The remaining three gardens will be on resident properties and will be chosen by lottery.

Other business - Mary Susan discussed plastic bag fee and lead in our water.

Sue Crothers-Gee - discussed chemical license application by landscapers and chemical companies John is going to follow-up.

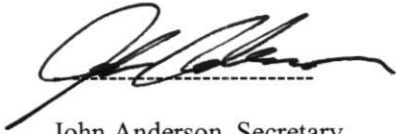
Julie - will begin plastic bag fee process

John and Eric will attend the bike path meeting.

Voted and agreed that next meeting should be Tuesday, June 5th.

Respectfully Submitted:

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John Anderson, Secretary

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Kathleen Brennan, Chairman

Sustainability Commission

Date: 7/10/18