



## Minutes

### ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING 02/07/2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall EOC

#### 1. Call to Order

- a. At 6:31 by Alderman Lara Sanoica

#### 2. Roll Call

- a. Ald. Lara Sanoica, Karen Gill, Pete Jackson, Joan Thomas, Maggie Trevor, Michael Koehler, and Raymond Mau, Cynthia Canner, Glen Cole, Ryan Lindeman, Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, Sue Walton, Rene Gladstone, and Robert Salazar.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2023.

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> Dr. Michael Koehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maggie Trevor

#### 4. New Business

- a. Prairie Burn- Pete Jackson
  - i. The prairie burn will be on March 26, 2023

#### 5. Old Business

- a. Styrofoam Recycling Presentation- Cynthia Kanner
  - i. Presentation on Styrofoam recycling within the McHenry County.
  - ii. Rene Gladstone- You have to find out where and what times collection times are for the various places that take the Styrofoam such as ABT electronics, lake Zurich, and South Barrington.
  - iii. Cynthia Kanner- You would need to look into Dart to take the Styrofoam. The City should look into SB100.
  - iv. Karen Gill- This might be a good topic for the City newsletter.
- b. CBBEL Presentation on Kennedy Pond- Ryan Lindeman
  - i. Ryan Lindeman- Presentation on Kennedy Pond and the bathometric study conducted by Christopher Burke Engineering.

- ii. Pete Jackson- Would it be smart to identify areas of the water shed and where the issues come from?
  - iii. Ryan Lindeman- Its essentially a maintenance issue, especially this one because of its size and depth within the watershed.
  - iv. Pete Jackson- An educational component may assist with this.
  - v. Karen Gill- Is there a way to make the pond more of a channel or spill way?
  - vi. Ryan Lindeman- Our review of the historical data show that the residents complained that the channel would saturate and create dried muck. I can ask if that's a possibility to create a channel.
  - vii. Sue Walton- Do we need this pond for retention? Is there any native planting or wetland that can be used? Has there been any thought about that type of work?
  - viii. Graham Strebler- Yes, there are plans in the works for native vegetation. The problem is buy in from the residents to the north.
  - ix. Alyse Dahlgren- I think the best thing is to educate the people within the watershed and make native plants more available to them.
  - x. Dr. Michael Koehler- I agree with Pete with the assessment of nutrients. We need to do more digging to find more information with MWRD. Ryan did you talk to MWRD about their understanding and assistance.
  - xi. Ryan Lindeman- I would need to ask Jedd to verify.
  - xii. Sue Walton- If the City takes back over the property on the north to plant native vegetation.
  - xiii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- The council needs additional information from the committee for a recommendation to move forward.
  - xiv. Maggie Trevor- We may want to tie in chemistry and education to get out educational material to the residents about fertilizing, salting, and grass clippings.
- c. Sue Walton Recognition of Service – Graham Strebler
    - i. Graham Strebler- I am getting pricing on a bench and a sign.
  - d. 2023 Event Calendar –Ryan Rivard

- i. Ryan Rivard- Please see the calendar if we need to make and additions or revisions.
- e. Earth Day Rain Garden- Pete Jackson and Graham Strebler
  - i. Graham- We are looking into material and should be good.
- f. Chicago Bears and Impacts- Alderman Lara Sanoica
  - i. Alderman Lara Sanoica- We will move this to next month's meeting.
- g. Sustainability Plan- Alderman Lara Sanoica and Dr. Michael Koehler
  - i. Dr. Michael Koehler- I am adding input from the committee, and should get in front of the City council to present the findings.
  - ii. Maggie Trevor- I came across and email today for cook county to assist with American Rescue Plan to develop climate resiliency plans. This could assist the City.
- h. Tree Preservation Ordinance- Graham Strebler
  - i. Alderman Sanoica- Please look at the minutes so we can make a recommendation so staff can bring in front of City Council.

## **6. Upcoming Events**

- a. Prairie Burn- 3/26/2023

## **7. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- a. March 7, 2022 is the Next Scheduled Monthly Meeting.

## **8. Adjournment**

- a. 1<sup>st</sup> by Dr. Michael Koehler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pete Jackson