

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
July 7, 2016
City Council Chambers

A Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, July 7, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

A roll call was taken.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Ellinghausen, Jaci Krandel, and Steve Wenzel.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurie Kacmar and Chair Erica Poremba.

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Public Works Director Tom Migatz and Chief Deputy Clerk Jane Howie.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Commission was unable to approve the Minutes from the May 5, 2016 and the June 16, 2016 meetings as some of the Commission members were not present. This will be added to the August 4, 2016 Agenda.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Discussion of rankings of the high-priority items on the Environmental Plan Recommendations List.

S. Wenzel asked about the items that were just ranked priority vs high priority. The Commission members ranked the high priority items only, which will be used to compile the list. S. Wenzel asked if members wished to discuss the rankings. Hazardous waste disposal was ranked as a high priority. The closest location for this type of disposal is in Belvidere. The Commission agreed that McHenry County needs a hazardous waste disposal facility. E. Ellinghausen asked if the City can lobby the IEPA, as this is something that should be done for household hazardous waste. Recently McHenry County College has held some of these events. S. Wenzel would like to know how these events get arranged. He will look into this further and report back to the Commission.

S. Wenzel hopes that more bike racks can be installed in Woodstock. Recently, E. Ellinghausen provided grant information to T. Willcockson, the City's Grant Writer. S. Wenzel would like to know if Woodstock will be tying in to the bike path on Route 14. He believes MCCD is managing this project. Signage along this area could encourage cyclists to come into Woodstock.

S. Wenzel asked what happened to the bike rack that was on the Square. The Commission would like to have this bike rack relocated. T. Migatz will look into this. J. Krandel would like to see a bike rack in one of the public parking lots, without using any parking spaces. Signage would be needed so that cyclists know where they can park. Other possible locations could be behind the movie theatre, near the pedestrian walkway, or near the walkway behind 124 Cass Street.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by E. Ellinghausen, second by J. Krandel to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission. Ayes: E. Ellinghausen, J. Krandel, S. Wenzel. Nays: None. Absentees: L. Kacmar and Chair E. Poremba. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howie
Chief Deputy City Clerk