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**WOOD DALE FOR A GREENER TOMORROW**  
**COMMITTEE MINUTES**

404 North Wood Dale Rd.

Wood Dale, IL 60191

June 7, 2022

**Call to Order**

The Wood Dale For A Greener Tomorrow Committee Meeting was called to Order at 6:30 pm

**Roll Call**

Present: Chairman Alderman Antonio Catalano, City Clerk Lynn Curiale, Pat Sampanetti, George Porro, Zakir Quraishi

Absent: Vice Chairman Alderman Nadine Ames

Also Present: Asst. Public Works Director Patrick Hastings

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Chairman Alderman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Clerk Lynn Curiale, to approve the Wood Dale For a Greener Tomorrow Minutes of the February 22, 2022 meeting as presented. When the question was put, a vote was taken with all in favor and the motion carried.

**DISCUSSION**

**i. 2022 Event Planning**

**Green Fair**

Asst. Director Hastings reported Flyers are being made for the Green Fair being held on October 1. It was decided to advertise to include Shoe Recycling. Chairman Ald. Catalano will order lunch for the volunteers working that day.

There are about 300 green bags from last year. It was decided to order more bags.

Chairman Catalano suggested asking for sponsors for 2023 Green Fair by putting their names/logos on the bags to help raise some funds for the Greener Committee. All agreed. There will be 2 shred trucks and 2 electronic trucks. With construction going on at the Public Works there might have to be a location change. There was discussion of moving it to Georgetown, City Hall or the Metra Station. It was decided to pursue looking into using the Metra Station parking lot as a backup location if it can't be held at the Public Works location.

Pat Sampanetti reported she had spoken with Michael Flood from Flood Brothers about arranging a tour for the Committee to see how recycling is done or to borrow a film showing the recycling process. Mr. Flood is busy with the new recycling plant. Pat asked

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for advice on how to proceed. Chairman Catalano suggested waiting a little while before asking again since Mr. Flood is busy with the new recycling plant. There was discussion about doing an informational pamphlet about what can and cannot be recycled.

*Pumpkin Smash – November 5*

Chairman Catalano stated Nov. 5 was Veterans Day Breakfast for the City. The Breakfast is always the Saturday before Veterans Day. Last year we joined with Itasca for the 1<sup>st</sup> time Pumpkin Smash. There was discussion to change the time to Sat. afternoon, leaving the pumpkin dumpster unmanned over the weekend for people to throw the pumpkins in, to join with Itasca Public Works again, with the possibility of Wood Dale hosting the following year, and reaching out to the High School or Jr. High students environmental clubs to help. Director Hastings will reach out to Itasca and discuss about working together with them.

*Morton Arboretum Tree Planting Initiative - Update*

Asst. Director Hastings reported 10 trees were planted in total – 2 at the Library, 8 at Oak Meadows, and 50 will be coming this Fall. Looking for locations to plant them. Ald. Catalano suggested the water detention area on Addison Rd. and possibly on Iroquios Street. Zakir inquired about planting over at the Oak Meadows. Asst. Dir. Hastings stated there will be more clearing out of that area and continuing with new plantings, including putting some trees there. For the tree plantings, Morton Arboretum, 5 or 6 volunteers, Asst. Dir. Hastings and Dir. Lange learned how to properly plant trees. More volunteers will be needed to plant the 50 trees.

*SCARCE – Water Quality Flag*

Asst. Dir. Hasting reported we are close to completion for qualifying for the Water Quality Flag. Kay will then come in and do a presentation to the Council.

Qualifications needed for the Flag:

- 1) The Stormwater Medallions are one qualification to meet. Scarce likes them to be put in public areas, such as Libraries, Schools, and is open to anyone that participates in the Stormwater Medallion Program to receive one.
- 2) Cooking Oil Recycling – 1) Host an event after Thanksgiving to collect oil. 2) Three Public Works currently have a year-round bin that old used oil is put in and a company comes to collect it. Cooking Oil is a big issue in the sewers, and it would help the treatment plant by collecting the oil which get converted into bio-fuel. There was a discussion to incorporate it into our recycling day with advertisement, and to have it set up on the side of the PW building on a specific drop off day so it can be monitored to avoid people dropping off other unwanted oils such as motor oil. People are to provide the oil in their own containers. Asst. Dir. Hastings is looking into setting it up at the Public Works Building.

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- 3) Collecting Medicine – the Police Dept. is already doing
  - 4) Native Plantings – already doing that
  - 5) Stormwater Project
  - 6) Employee Education – Educational Seminar about pollution going into the Storm Drains. All Public Works employees have already taken this, but Scarce would like to do it with all City employees

*Soles4Souls Shoe Recycling Program*

Chairman Ald. Catalano reported a box will be set out to collect shoes at the Green Fair for the Soles4Souls Shoe Recycling Program.

*Electric Lawn Mower Program*

It was decided to table this at this time until ways to implement and monitor the program appropriately can be developed to avoid abuse of rebates to encourage people to switch over from gas lawn mowers.

**FUTURE ITEMS**

Next meeting date is September 7, 2022.

Chairman Ald. Catalano reported he spoke with City Manager Mermuys about contacting our Lobbyist in Springfield to work on getting the City some grants for Infrastructure, Electric Vehicles and/or Charging Stations.

Asst. Dir. Hastings reported watching for the Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity to come out with some additional funding for EV Infrastructure. The Public Works Dept. has been prepping the Public Work buildout with space in the panel and putting conduit in preparation for EV. The Metra parking lot will be in discussion soon for resurfacing and will look at putting in structures at that time.

George expressed frustration with garbage being thrown along the roadways. There was discussion about some ways to try to reduce loose garbage. It was suggested that perhaps some garbage cans be set out.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Pat Sampanetti to adjourn the June 7, 2022 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

*Minutes taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale*

*Reviewed by Asst. Public Works Director, Patrick Hastings*