



WOOD DALE FOR A GREENER TOMORROW
COMMITTEE MINUTES

404 North Wood Dale Rd.
Wood Dale, IL 60191
February 22, 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, Vice Chairman Alderman Nadine Ames, City Clerk Lynn Curiale, Pat Sampanetti, George Porro, Zakir Quraishi

Absent: None

Also Present: Asst. Public Works Director Patrick Hastings

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Alderman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Ames, 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.

2022 Event Schedule and Planning

Pumpkin Smash – November 5

Ms. Sampanetti reported she spoke with Mike Flood for setting up a tour of the recycling area. Mr. Flood was receptive, and it was decided to revisit doing a tour sometime in the Spring.

There was additional discussion of some ideas for the Committee to be involved in, including adopting a roadway, clean-up of areas that need attention, and getting the community involved.

Morton Arboretum Tree Planting Initiative

Asst. Director Hastings reported the City is in a Grant partnership with Morton Arboretum for planting trees. Some flowering oaks, maple and native trees will be planted at the Wood Dale Library, Oakbrook School, and WD Jr. High School on Arbor Day. Information will be announced in Facebook and in the newsletter.



SCARCE – Water Quality Flag

Vice Chairman Ames presented Adopting-A-Drain to earn Storm Drain Medallions to help qualify for the Water Quality Flag. There was discussion about coordinating with a clean-up day, making the public more aware to not dump pollutants into the sewer system, keep the drains clear to reduce flooding, encouraging Scouts and other organizations to help. It was decided adopt-a-drain should be presented to the Stormwater Committee.

Soles4Souls Shoe Recycling Program

Vice-Chairman Ames presented Soles4Souls Shoe Recycling Program for recycling gently used shoes. Chairman Catalano suggested incorporating a shoe collection into the Green Fair. All the Committee members agreed. Alderman Ames will research some of the different shoe collection programs to present to the Committee.

Another suggestion was to collect used books. It was decided there were enough locations in the area that are collecting books.

FUTURE ITEMS

Next meeting date is tentatively April 6 at 6:30pm. Lynn will reschedule Scarce to come out another time to present information regarding the Water Quality Flag and Staff Training requirements.

Asst. Director Hastings stated the Public Works Dept. has been working with Vergy regarding electric vehicles and infrastructure, and incorporating electric stations in the City. Three areas that are being looked at are the Public Works, the RTA lot which is scheduled for replacement in a few years, and City Hall.

Ald. Catalano will talk with City Manager Mermuys about talking to our Lobbyist to see about getting grants to help defray some of the costs.

Ald. Ames reported on an Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program developed in California for new lawnmowers and the eligibility requirements to receive the rebate. Ald. Catalano expressed concerns on how to properly monitor the program. After discussion it was decided to wait until the program has been in place for a period time to evaluate if it is a workable program for our community.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Ames, to adjourn the February 22, 2022 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

*Minutes taken by City Clerk Lynn Curiale
Reviewed by Asst. Director Patrick Hastings*