



WOOD DALE FOR A GREENER TOMORROW
COMMITTEE MINUTES

404 North Wood Dale Rd.

Wood Dale, IL 60191

June 30, 2021

Call to Order

The Wood Dale For A Greener Tomorrow Committee Meeting was called to Order at 6:35 pm

Roll Call

Present: Deputy Chief Ryan O'Neil, Chairman Alderman Tony Catalano, Vice Chairman Alderman Nadine Ames, Lynn Curiale, Pat Sampanetti, Zakir Quraishi, George Porro

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Chairman Alderman Catalano made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ames, to approve the Wood Dale For a Greener Tomorrow Minutes of the March 24, 2021 meeting as presented. When the question was put, a vote was taken with all in favor and the motion carried.

Charging Stations and Electric Vehicles

Alderman Catalano presented Wood Dale for a Greener Tomorrow Committee Mission and Vision Statement. As part of the mission to provide a healthy environment to present and future citizens, the Committee needs to meet the challenge of climate change. Ald. Catalano expressed the desire to ask the City Council for approval to get electric vehicles, starting with one vehicle, to be used by Staff for use around town. A charging station can be incorporated into the new Public Works Building being built. If the American Jobs Program passes, grants will be available that the City could apply to for help with funding. Everyone felt that the more charging stations made available, the more people will be inclined to buy electric cars, if more electric cars are purchased, prices will decrease and more people will purchase and it will be a win-win all the way around.

Pros and cons were discussed regarding electric and hybrid cars, charging station locations possibly working out a partnership with businesses for putting charging stations in their parking lots, charging stations being a potential source of revenue offsetting the loss of gas tax, and of being an example to encourage citizens to take responsibility to do things now to meet the challenge of climate change for the benefit of everyone to start changing over from fossil fuel.

Deputy Chief O'Neil will contact the City of Elmhurst to inquire about their electric vehicle and charging station program, including type of cars being used and universal charging stations.

Solar Lighting

All expressed interest in and desire to incorporate the use of solar lighting to reduce pollution, carbon footprint, be more environmentally friendly, and reduce costs. There was concern streetlights would not be strong enough on cloudy days and whether lighting for streetlights work similar to homes (Zakir will research). Other things to consider are cost of purchasing and the maintenance, ways to encourage businesses to use solar panels and to go environmentally friendly (Ald. Catalano will discuss with Mayor Pulice).

Green Fair

Chair Alderman Catalano reminded all the Annual Green Fair for recycling and electronics will be Oct. 2nd at the Public Works Building.

Deputy Chief O'Neil reported things are pretty much in place for the Green Fair. There will be at least one meeting prior to the Green Fair. Director Lange and Asst. Director Hastings will be asked to attend to let us know the layout and how they would like the flow route to go through Public Works. Deputy Chief O'Neil reviewed previous Green Fair events and how we strive to improve it for the next event. Electronics recycling is open to everyone to try to help prevent electronics being illegally dumped. Last year the shredding truck and two 31 ft. trucks were completely packed with electronics by 1 pm. As a result of the high volume, many Wood Dale residents were unable to drop off their recycling. A 2nd second shred event was set up and offered to Wood Dale residents. This year the event will be held at the Public Works building. Deputy Chief O'Neil was able to secure another shredding Grant, but because it is a DuPage County Grant, it has to be open to all residents of DuPage. Members of the Public Works and the Police Dept. will also be there to help. This year we will have 2 trucks for electronics and have added a 2nd truck for paper shredding. The shredding trucks are booked 8 months in advance, are only available on weekends, and cannot work in the cold weather so shredding events end Oct/Nov. Residents will stay in the car. There was discussion on how to keep the flow from being disrupted as some people don't want to leave until they see their box of documents shredded. Alderman Catalano suggested a Police Officer stay in the shredding area to reassure people of their documents security. All agreed it was a good suggestion. No shredding will be accepted until the shredding trucks are there and ready.

Deputy Chief O'Neil stated Public Works coordinates the majority of the set up, volunteers would arrive at 9 am, the Event starts at 10 am and ends at 2 pm.

Alderman Ames reported she looked into doing a Paint and Motor Oil Recycling Event, but recycling paint would be about \$20,000 and difficult with so many paint types. Alderman Ames inquired about collecting epi-pens.

Alderman Catalano reminded people to keep Oct. 2 open to volunteer to help with this event, and lunch will be served to the Workers and Volunteers.

Itasca Bank and Trust will sponsor some of the funding for electronics and Wood Dale Bank and Trust sponsor covers the shredding.

Alderman Catalano inquired if we had any Green Fair Bags left from previous events and about the Committee's budget. Deputy Chief said there are no bags left. Several alternate give-away items were considered. It was decided to continue giving out the re-usable bags and to consult Finance Director Wilson on the budget.

Alderman Ames inquired if we had vests or T-shirt to identify us as volunteers for this event.

George inquired if the City would advertise that another recyclable bin can be obtained from Flood Bros. Ald. Catalano said he would talk with Mr. Paplauskas about maybe putting a note on the water bill to contact Flood Bros. Deputy Chief O'Neil said Ms. Buggy was in contact with Flood Bros. and he would talk to her.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT FUTURE MEETINGS:

- Tentative date for the next meeting will be Wed., Sept. 8 at 6:30 pm, pending Director Lange and Director Assistant Hastings availability
- Alderman Ames stated she will check with a company and get a quote. It was felt that 300-400 bags would be sufficient.
- Pumpkin recycling (Scarce's Pumpkin Smash Nov. 6, 2021)
- For 2022, reach out to the Community to do recycling of something once in awhile, e.g. gymshoes.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Alderman Catalano, seconded by Alderman Ames, to adjourn the June 30, 2021 Meeting. When the question was put all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lynn Curiale