

LINDENHURST ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITY & EDUCATION COMMISSION

October 8, 2014
Lindenhurst Village Hall

1. **Roll Call & Introductions**

Melissa Forsberg
Sandy Calanca
Ken Andersen
AJ Johnson
Joyce Dever
Dawn Czarny
Teresa Ask

2. **9/10/2014 Meeting Minutes** – Not all have reviewed will address at November meeting.

3. **Finance** (As of 9/18/14)

- a. Escrow Balance..... \$3,161.54
- b. Community Activity Account \$564.93
(We started with \$2,000 and used \$1,435.07 on Earth Day.)
- c. Which account are the plaques coming out of? We will have to transfer funds from escrow if needed to fund plaques.

4. **Placement for Clothing & Textiles and Shoe Recycling box**

- a. Locations determined. (42"x50" for shoe and food pantry boxes.)
- b. Need to purchase container.
- c. Rob at Public Works contacted pertaining to shoe storage.
- d. Targeting installation for January
- e. Will set budget at November meeting based on Mbr Ask's estimates.

5. **September 27th McDonald Forest Preserve Scavenger Hunt (9:00am-11:00am)**

- a. Recap
- b. Girl Scout leader would love to do another in which her girls could "run/organize" the event in conjunction with the Commission.
- c. Also sent contact information for local Girl Scout Service Unit Managers for future events.

6. **Plant Exchange/Bulb Sale/Planting**

- a. Recap
- b. Suggestions
 - i. More signs throughout Village? AJ will confirm with the Lakes Environmental Team. Commission plan to approve funding for supplies.
 - ii. Make signs like they have for electronics recycling...on the barricades?

7. **Bags/Bookmarks**

- a. If money left in CAA, perhaps purchase bookmarks, as the cost is less and save the bags for next year?
- b. 500 of existing bags left
- c. Will add to 2015 budget – plant stakes and bags for St. Pat's Parade and Lindenfest Parade

8. **New business**

- a. Website. Will be meeting with Stacy in the near future. Any suggestions for website?
- b. Shoe collection contest. Will contact Hooper School and Girl Scouts to determine interest in a contest leading up to Earth Day. Which classroom/troop can collect the most shoes? Winner gets...pizza party.

- c. Chamber of Commerce Community Guide. No more than 3 paragraphs with a picture of an event and contact information. Deadline is December 15th.
- d. Water Sense. We will define for Lindenhurst. Each member is tasked with coming up with input for our next meeting.
- e. Village Newsletter. Emily is happy to include as many or as few inserts as we'd like.

Mailed with water bills during these months	Info Due Date
January/February	December 1
March/April	February 1
May/June	April 1
July/August	June 1
September/October	August 1
November/December	October 1

- f. Purchase business cards for events with all members' names?
Mbr Calanca will design and share with commission at next meeting. Mbr Ask can work with her leads to print
- g. Earth Day:
 - i. Possible new vendors/events:
 - (1) Northern Illinois Raptor Center.
 - (2) Field Museum Renewable Energy Vehicle
 - (3) Balloon's and/or face painting. There could be a charge.
 - (4) Bella's Bouncies. Liability and relevance concerns
 - (5) Review of letter sent to vendors as this should go out soon.
 - (6) Use EAEC email as point of contact.
 - (7) Possibly send letter to Lindenfest vendors.
- h. Town Planner
- i. Possibly change name to Environmental Commission. Commission members discussed and determined to postpone topic until next year.
- j. Placemaking Grant
 - i. Village Suggestions:
 - (1) Use for tree planting in a public area:
 - (a) Near County Place South and Route 45 in open area.
 - (b) Select another use, such as for Earth Day.
 - (2) Flower planting:
 - (a) Add additional flowers at welcome signs or Village facilities.
 - (3) Bike/walking tour of Village areas
- k. Before the next meeting, every member will send Mbr Forsberg suggestions on how to define volunteer opportunities based on our project needs.
- l. Meeting adjourns 1948
- m. Next Meeting 11/10