

MINUTES

VILLAGE OF LA GRANGE
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

First Floor Conference Room
53 South La Grange Road
La Grange, IL 60525

Thursday, May 9, 2019 — 7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A meeting of the Environmental Quality Commission of the Village of La Grange was held on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at the Village Hall and was called to order by Commission Chair David McCarty at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioner	Present	Absent
Joel Baise		X
Laurie Braun	X	
David Bryant		X
Linda Christianson	X	
Rebecca Davies		X
Mary Gertsmeier		X
David McCarty - Chair	X	
Rose Naseef – Vice Chair	X	
William Robison	X	
Tim Sheldon	X	

6 of 10 members constitutes a quorum.

ALSO PRESENT: Stan Zarnowiecki, La Grange resident

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was noted that the minutes incorrectly showed David Bryant in attendance. A motion was made by Commissioner Robison, seconded by Commissioner Sheldon to approve the minutes as amended from April 11, 2019.

The minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

3. BUSINESS AT HAND

- A. Update discussions and possible action on short-term projects – Tabled by voice vote. Date to be determined.
- B. Discussion and assignment of village-wide bike route identification program – Commission Chair McCarty led a general discussion of a bike route identification program. The concept would be to provide a report and recommendation using the model of the Private Solar Panel Report compiled by Commissioner Sheldon. A general consensus was reached on key components of the report:
- Review current bike route information regarding La Grange and verify accuracy:
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Village web site
 - Other regional information sources
 - Local riding groups
 - Local bike shops
 - Review various potential components of route identification and make a general recommendation regarding investment level.
 - Dedicated bikeways
 - Pavement markings
 - Directory/map signs
 - Signs only
 - Develop high level budget
 - Identify potential funding sources
 - Outline a roll-out plan

Assignment of task force roles was tabled pending further discussion.

- C. Discussion and assignment of Refuse Contract Task Force – The Village refuse collection contract expires in Spring 2020. Commission Chair McCarty led a general discussion of how the Commission can be effective and impactful in the coming negotiations and R.F.P. process for the new contract. Traditionally, the Commission has played an important role in the process.

Commissioner Christianson has had initial discussions with our current hauler and their recycling partner. They have offered to present a program for the Commission and interested residents on the current state of recycling. They propose discussing whose is buying recycled materials, which materials are most effectively recycled and how residents can help minimize contamination in the recycling stream. The Commission agreed to hold that program for the June meeting. Commissioner Christianson will prepare announcements for posting on the Village web site.