

CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
Water Committee Regular Meeting Minutes
Saturday, March 18, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.
City Hall Council Chambers
8 N. Elmhurst Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070

CALL TO ORDER at 8:04 am

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bob Korvas, President, Anne Kurilich, Vice President, Kay Michaely, Recording Secretary (excused), Sean Dwyer (Excused), Lou Ennesser, Ralph Kendall, Dee Munroe.

Peter Falcone, committee liaison.

APPROVAL OF February 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

- Feb 18, 2017 meeting minutes approved

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS

Follow up FOIA request regarding the water quality of Greenbrier. Submitting request #7. Greenbrier opens in spring of 2017.

- No updates yet. Lou Enneser will submit a new request and give update at next meeting

Budget update.

- Bob Korvas, Ralph Kendall and Dee Munroe attended the City Council budget meeting. Bob spoke about our water committee.
- Peter Falcone indicated that no decisions were made yet and everything is still in negotiation. Another budget meeting would take place the week of March 20 (possibly Wed or Thur).
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Meeting time change: This was not discussed as some members were missing

NEW BUSINESS

Reports from sub-committees.

- Well Water Improvement Subcommittee Update from Dee Munroe
 - Discussed giving out raffle tickets for a free water test or other prize at Block party, at monthly Water Committee meetings at other local community events or for participating in community activities.

- Discussed possible partnering with police department or city to accept old medications. As some medications are controlled substances, this idea was dismissed. But Peter will see if police department would be interested in doing a drive at the block party
 - Another option is to have someone from the subcommittee go to the police department to hand out raffle tickets to anyone who brings old prescriptions in to drop off during the DEA drug Take Back event
 - The National Ground Water Association has a mascot that the subcommittee wants to look into possible getting for block party
 - For the Forum, the subcommittee would like to get a local real estate agent to discuss buying / selling a property with a well
 - Lou reminded everyone that the subcommittee was going to think about a way to tie the block party to the forum
 - Possibly provide info on water testing at the block party and have vendors help residents read /understand their water reports and possible solutions to their problems at forum.
 - Bob suggested that the subcommittee call EPA approved labs to see if price breaks on water testing might be available at different commitment levels.
 - Need to be careful not to endorse any one particular water testing lab or vendor
 - Bob suggested having a list of events / activities for the block party so people know what time things are happening at the Water Committee Booth
- SSA Subcommittee Update from Sandy
 - Sub-committee members are dwindling as many are finding that it is just not feasible to get municipal water to their areas based on current infrastructure.
 - The current SSA lead by Brad has not progressed. Brad reached out to 2 engineering firms to get quotes but neither has responded.
 - Forum topics:
 - Have a bulleted handout on how to form a SSA
 - Have someone from fire department come and talk about what it takes to put out a fire without hydrants
 - They may also ask someone from American Water Works and / or an engineer from Baxter Woodman to talk.
 - They continue to look for new members / volunteers
 - They did have some concern about giving out raffle tickets at block party and having the drawing at the Forum as there will be quite a few months between the 2 events and tickets can easily be lost, In addition, if someone enters a raffle they tend to want a quick turn-around on what they get from it, so feel if there is a raffle, there should be a prize at the block party as well.
 - Sandy will bring a tent for the booth at the block party this year.
 - Bob mentioned that Sandy / the subcommittee could petition the city to become part of the NW Water Commission by getting a group together and signing a petition.
 - Peter Falcone will find out what it would entail to open discussions with the NW Water Commission

- Jill cautioned that a petition could spark fears that the city is trying to push municipal water on residents again, so would need to take care how this is done and ensure that education on what the Commission is and what it does and does not do are well understood.
- Sandy / Peter will provide an update at the April meeting

Planning Block Party, June 24, 2017: See discussions above under subcommittee updates

Planning Forum, November 4, 2017. See discussions above under subcommittee report sections

- Bob cannot make the November 4 date. Alternate dates were discussed (Dec 2, Oct 28, Nov 18) and Dec 2nd was chosen as next best option. Lou will check with the venue and get back to us at next meeting.

Next Meeting Date:

- Next Meeting Date is April 18 at 8:00 am
- May 20th needs to be moved due to other activities taking place that morning. May Water Committee Meeting will be moved to May 13th. This change will be confirmed at April 18th meeting

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:22 am