



**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, October 7th, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
City Hall – Lower Level Conference Room**

**Minutes**

1. **Roll call:** Derek Strohl, Loras Lux, Sarah Deering, Jeff Maxon, Eric Ryer, Allison Reichert, Tom Mlada, Anthony Young, Christina Brickner, Lisa Rathke
2. **Approve minutes from August 5 meeting:** Minutes approved
3. **Budget Update:**
  - **Flags:** Costs incurred exceeded approved amount
  - **INFOS invoice:** Invoice can be approved; Tom will confirm no additional expenses are expected; Future invoices require review before payment
  - **Budget Control:** Authorization of future expenses will be assigned to committee member to enforce limit
  - **Motion carried to approve report**
4. **Relevant Committee updates**
  - Marine Sanctuary designation moving forward to the next step: Will be another year of scoping meetings, etc. until they make determination
  - Nature Explore discussion with Parks & Rec: Two days in community to include stakeholder group to help design what learning environment would entail; we would pay for their time here
    - Need greater understanding of costs and scope of services performed
    - Proposal provided would be about \$7k including workshop
  - Breakwater funding and partnership with Fund for Lake Michigan: Group was in Port Washington yesterday; have funded \$225k of work
  - Local Government Summit on Energy & Resilience: November 18th in Stevens Point: **EPC approved \$85 to cover registration and fuel;** Derek to share with Don for potential participation
5. **Old business**
  - Discussed parks being reviewed for sale - recorded recommendations for submission to council
    - Need to tally information collected to support records kept within a GIS system
    - Ross has agreed to discuss this process with Derek
    - Next step: ask Alderman Driscoll what he recommends
  - Rain Barrel painting fundraiser: Possibility for another event in Spring; Remaining rain barrels are in the street department in cold storage - available to purchase for \$50; Could be a potential for a community Garden - add on
  - Shared Energy Benchmarking Position (Green Tier Program): Council agreed that a first year commitment by our team is worth it; We approved \$600 for 1st year in August
6. **New business**
  - Earth Week planning with TJMS, identify volunteers to plan activities: Patty & Lisa have volunteered to support

- County rain garden initiative (excludes Port Washington): Conservation field day (reference email); Potential of future opportunities to work together
- Sisters City Resolution and next steps: potential opportunity for a trip in mid-June; Need to explore opportunities to fundraise for multiple people attending
- Planning for 2016: Need to identify required fundraising to align with 2016 planning; identified Shawn, Derek, Christina, Eric, and Tom to begin exploring opportunities & develop plan

7. **Next meeting:** November 4, 2015

8. **Adjourn**

***Committee mission:***

*The Environmental Planning Committee's mission is to advance policies that will foster environmental, economic, and social sustainability by identifying and promoting the most efficient and responsible stewardship of our resources. The Committee aims to nurture a culture of sustainability in which a balanced approach to best management practices along with smart growth and education engages and leads our city towards an environmentally enhanced future.*