

**Village of Westchester  
Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
Village Hall – Board Room  
10300 West Roosevelt Road Westchester, IL 60154  
Wednesday, April 9, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Present**

Sucada Bell  
Neil Faulkner  
Jim Gabel  
Nicole LoCoco\*  
Abigail Martin  
Charles Pedersen  
Mirika Sentongo\*  
Tom Yurkovich

**\* absent**

**Start Time: 7:01 PM**

**Discussion**

**I. Approval of the March 19, 2014 meeting minutes**

**II. New Business**

**Smart Grid Technology and other current programs**

Megan Visk of Elevate Energy, a nonprofit organization, gave a ½ hour presentation on:

- Smart grid technology – how it works and its benefits.
- Three ways customers can obtain electric energy for their homes – ComEd fixed-price rate, ComEd dynamic real-time pricing, and municipal aggregation. The Village of Westchester, for its residents, has a municipal pricing contract with First Energy Solutions. At this point, dynamic pricing is not widely selected by electric customers.
- Saving energy through air sealing and insulating homes. Elevate Energy has a list of certified contractors available to do energy cost assessments on residents' homes, at a reduced rate. Megan also mentioned rebates are available for insulating a home and that Elevate Energy may be able to assist homeowners with low-interest energy loans.
- Elevate Energy will be making other presentations in the Westchester area on this topic, with their overall goal being getting the word out to homeowners about saving on energy costs.

**III. Old Business**

**Get Out and Play:**

Abby Martin indicated that we are still waiting on St. Joseph High School to provided Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) with their General Agreement covering the use of their facilities. Stephanie Morton of St. Joseph's, indicated we should have it shortly.

Abby Martin, Jim Gabel, and Neil Faulkner provided updates on where they stood on soliciting businesses and organizations to participate in the Get Out and Play event. It is

felt that we have enough participants to put on a good event, but there is still a little ways to go, including the area of refreshments. The participants need to fill out and return the provider commitment form.

The deadline for the next Get Out and Play event ad to be placed in the May Westchester Newsletter is the end of the day on April 15, 2014. The new ad for the Get Out and Play event will start listing the participating businesses and organizations, along with the events. This ad may also be used for flyers to be distributed at the Westchester schools and posted at various Westchester facilities (Mayfair Park, Park District, etc.) and businesses (Paul's Place, Joe's Place, Jewel, etc.). Abby Martin will be contacting the District 92 ½ school board about how the flyer should be handled at the schools. Tom Yurkovich will handle the flyer posting at the Westchester facilities. Copies of the flyer will be made at the Village Hall. This overall topic will be discussed more at the upcoming special CAB meeting.

Other items briefly discussed was the possible use of Wally's to purchase any coffee we need for the event and possibly advertising the event in the Suburban Life.

### **Next Steps**

All of the CAB members should continue to pursue businesses and organizations that we want to participate in this Get Out and Play event, and getting them to complete and return the provider commitment form. CAB members should let Jim Gabel know of any new Get Out and Play event participants since this April 9<sup>th</sup> CAB meeting.

### **IV. Other**

Tom Yurkovich mentioned the Village Clean-up Day scheduled for Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place from 8AM until noon with a free lunch for those that volunteer. Volunteers will be assembling at the Village Hall.

### **Adjourned: 8:32 PM**

If you have any questions or comments regarding these minutes please contact [Jgabel5994@aol.com](mailto:Jgabel5994@aol.com).

The next meeting of the Citizens Advisory Board will take place on May 14, 2014, in the board room of the village hall.