



Batavia Environmental Commission  
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Alderman's Room

**1. Call to order/Member and Guest Introductions**

Members present:

Abby Beck, Carolyn Burnham, Emma Cole, Andrew Greenhagen, Anna Bakker

Volunteers/Special Guests present:

Michael Willuweit, Mayor Schielke

Absent:

Andrea Podraza

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

approved

**3. January Green Drinks**

Turnout was good and everyone enjoyed themselves- good connections were made and ideas were exchanged. More structure may happen in the future, but it was successful!

**4. Energy- Solar Energy Forum**

No one from the BEC was able to attend but the event was successful, according to those that attended.

BEC has voted endorse the Seven Generations Ahead solar initiative and Abby will spoke to the mayor about it when he made a guest appearance at our meeting! Mayor Schielke expressed some concerns about current pricing and possible safety/infrastructure concerns, but he is cautiously hopeful that we can move forward.

**5. 2019 Goal Setting Presentation**

We will be presenting our 2019 goals and ideas. Everyone feels good about waiting on this until March- hopefully March 4<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn will ask Chris to look into getting us on the agenda.

**6. Ecology- Victory Garden Seed Swap- March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

DIY birdseed ornament feeders? DIY Mason Bee habitats? One or both of these crafts will be completed with kids.

**7. Education/Waste- Green Night Out at the Movies**

Advanced Disposal is the title sponsor and we have lots of exhibitors signed up. Abby will have AV equipment set up ahead of time for another event. Carolyn needs help before the event and after- with popcorn, etc. Members took posters for the event to be hung in public places as advertisement.

**8. Ecology- Aquatic Restoration planting project in the Fox River**

Anna raised about \$5,000 for the BHS project last year and about \$2,000 more was awarded in January 2019. Hopefully will raise about \$10,000 by the end of 2019.

On another note, BEC wants to work with the City to see if we can collaborate on their strategic plan for the river. Anna will work on arranging a meeting with key players to discuss.

**9. Ecology/Education- Earth Day Coloring Pages**

Anna presented the idea of partnering with the library to have coloring sheets for Earth Day, good for different ages. Have kids complete them ahead of time, cover an open wall space with all the completed coloring sheets to promote Earth Day.

**10. Air Quality- Starry Skies**

Reached out to Andrew, who reports that it has not had a lot of momentum. Table this one.

**11. Air Quality- Anti- Idling Campaign**

Laurie got 16 signs- 2 at each school. School staff will be installing these signs. The plan is for them to go up after Spring Break. Abby, Carolyn, and Laurie will be working on education campaign before signs go up.

**12. Water Quality**

Until next time- when Chris joins us.

**13. Green Event Involvement/Volunteers**

**BEC Volunteer Signup** <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerBEC>

**See Attached Calendar**

Add May 1<sup>st</sup> for the Wildflower Walk at Fermilab.

**14. Open Discussion**

None

**15. Adjournment**