

Batavia Environmental Commission
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2019

Members Present:

Abby Beck
Andrew Greenhagen
Anna Bakker
Carolyn Burnham

Members Absent:

Andrea Podraza
Emma Cole

Volunteers/Guests Present:

Laurie Hanson
Michael Willuweit
David Krodel

1. Call to order/Member and Guest Introductions

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved

3. Victory Garden Seed Swap Recap

- Low attendance

4. Green Night at the Movies Recap

- Good attendance, knowledgeable speaker, 6 volunteer sign ups, broke even on sponsors and exhibitors
- Notes for future: breakdown schedule for exhibitors, screen higher for sub-title heavy movies
- Considering moving venues to grow attendance

5. Air Quality - Anti-Idling Campaign

- Signs go up over spring break
- Backpack mail fliers sent
- Campaign action items:
 - Flier to daycares to alert buses
 - How to contact the school buses?
 - Get in front of mega PTO group meeting , discuss mission of BEC, plus Waste/walking school bus/idling

6. WellBatavia Updates

- Save the Date – WellBatavia Festival June 1, 2019
- 2nd Friday themes – promotion and participation throughout summer
 - Bubble guy – anna to get contact

- Change one tree – need to fix it
- Smores downtown
- Groot costume for MW
- Leaf test drives around town

7. Energy/Status of EV Readiness code

- Abby to email Gary regarding presenting on EV readiness and charging station, propose presenting to council on 3/26

8. Water Quality

- Abby - Coal Tar Sealants – add to email to Gary regarding status

9. Ecology Update

- Mahoney Creek discussion
- Grant submitted for seating and signage at BHS

10. Green Business Award

- Add question, “How do you educate your employees about this?”
- All - Summarize examples from our goal list to add to the application before next meeting

11. Green Event Involvement/volunteers BEC Volunteer Signup

<https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerBEC>

12. BEC Chair Position

- Andrew to take over May 1, 2019

13. BEC Budget Request

- Brainstorm list of items to present to the city – send to Carolyn and Andrew

14. Open Discussion

- Connect with Park District about their Green Team
- Solicit high school liaison for fall 2019