

West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting
Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 12th, 2011, 7:15 PM
Council Chambers, West Lafayette City Hall

Attending: Denise Blank, Lindsey Payne, Dave Henderson, Diane Damico, Peter Bunder, Rick Johnson, Dan Schuster

Others: John Polles, Eric Yee

Absentees: Gene Hanus, Heather Gall, Allen Jacobsen, Kristin Flannelly, Aparna Puri

- I. Diane: Call to order
- II. Approve June 2011 minutes, Dan moves, Lindsey seconds, minutes approved
- III. 50:50 plan, Gene will present in August regarding the goal and Dan Dunten will be presenting compost bins at Farmers Market this month
- IV. Go Greener wins canoe boat race at Riverfest; Bag Monster mentioned in article as the “evil bag princess”; someday we’ll have a website...hint, hint, hint
- V. Diane
 - a. Having a hard time with green events, need more volunteers, events are prepared, etc.
 - b. At Riverfest, Parks and Rec guy did not know what to do with recycling, Diane is currently housing the “recyclables”; nowhere to dispose of materials, can’t we throw it in “Ted the Truck”; Peter votes for overtime for guy to drive the truck, i.e., who should work on this?; Dave said he will follow up, he has a guy that digs through
- VI. Lindsey
 - a. Need a new representative for the CBG committee; Eric expressed interest, will follow up
- VII. Denise
 - a. Made it to 2nd round of Tipmont grant, Diane and Denise went to Linden to present to group, 100 bins, 2 neighborhoods + workshop (see handout—Denise will send to Lindsey), will know by August 1st if receive grant
- VIII. Rick
 - a. Nothing to report, still working on it; when ready to work on articles again contact Lindsey; Rick will put up money to sponsor a team next season, so we will print shirts with Go Greener logos
- IX. Peter
 - a. Nothing to report
 - b. Diane, worried b/c Dave Downey said he would have to get rid of guy, commission disagrees—not an issue
- X. Dan
 - a. MBA program, Net Impact group for Eric; question regarding rain barrels, where do you get them, TSWCD—Dan Dunten; WL website needs to be edited to reflect current members and minutes need to be sent to Judy Rhodes (Clerk)—Diane will send
 - b. Peter/Diane, add rain barrel information to City Newsletter, Diane will get on Kathy Mayor’s list and will send her info when needed; could highlight main goals each month, i.e., birds, CBG, trash, etc.
 - c. IN American Waters put in 7% rate increase, should be put in efforts to assist citizens, provide tips/suggestions for conservation, Dave is putting together a group to work on

that issue; city can throw together a protest, but big part is citizen group to meet with IN AM Water to discuss rate, Dave: “good news/bad news, we are saving water, bad news we are saving water, less billable gallons, sewers sized for old ways, requires adapting to new normal”; Peter: is part of the problem they built a wrong-sized plant?; Dan: thinks old company, United Water, big part of the issue in terms of planning; Dave: not just us, many other communities, hardest hit communities served by United Water in the past; Dan: Duke rates are going up too, about 2013 rates shall level off, based off of regulatory commission, minus fuel costs; may need to go into citizen’s newsletter, rate increase, this is why, add citizen’s group contact information, call out for participation

- d. CSO Citizen’s Advisory group status, Heather has introduced Dave to PU professor to continue work, no date set for presenting plan, plan needs to be into IDEM by end of year, Dan does want to be involved, Dave reiterated that Go Greener group is involved, i.e., PU, WL community, etc.
 - e. Dan and Dave will set up a time to talk about micro-turbine opportunities/food waste
- XI. John—no comments
- XII. Eric—no comments
- XIII. Peter
- a. Do we want to comment on Firehouse, LEED certification; perhaps we need to “suggest” this new construction should be LEED certified; John suggests ordinance that all “new construction should be LEED certified; Peter can raise the issue, but council doesn’t really have a vote on it, goes to redevelopment commission; Diane and Dan will go talk to Larry Oates, head of redevelopment commission
- XIV. Diane
- a. No new projects, anyone can volunteers for Dancing in the Streets
- XV. Lindsey motions to adjourn, Denise seconds, adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:00PM
- XVI. Next meeting August 9th, 2011

Recorded by Lindsey Payne and submitted to Diane Damico on July 12th, 2011