

MAYOR TERRY TORNEK

To: EAC
From: Terry Tornek
cc: S.Mermell
Date: 4/18/19
Re: Lawn and Garden Equipment Policy Review

In response to your thoughtful memo, I urge the EAC to press ahead as time permits to thoroughly examine this controversial issue and make specific recommendations to the City Council.

There can be no doubt that many residents are disturbed by the noise, emissions and particulates generated by the use of gasoline-powered equipment. However, in the past, stringent regulations to mitigate these problems have been opposed by landscapers and their clients who are concerned about economic impacts and the efficacy of alternative technologies.

In identifying the problem, the EAC has only done part of the work. The essence of the task is to meet with the stakeholders, including the landscapers, industry experts, homeowners, large plot-holders and others, to investigate the alternatives to improving the current circumstances. It would be valuable to also determine the successes and pitfalls of ordinances in other cities.

Once the Commission has completed the analysis, I am sure that the City Council would welcome your recommendations on how to proceed.

Please let me know if you are willing to undertake the task and what you think the time-frame for completion might be.