



## **B. Tree Care Committee –**

Commissioner Neary provided the Commission with information on the next Tree Care Seminar, which is to be held on October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clayton Room of the Civic Center. The topic of the seminar will be sustainable fall landscaping techniques and will address trees, scrubs, perennials and lawn care. One tentative speaker is Jim Clibaush, who may present information on native planting, attracting animals, invasive species, water control and rain barrels. Peggy Drescher, Glen Ellyn Village Forester, stated that she is researching presenters on organic lawn care, and Commissioner Glaza suggested Doris Taylor and Edith Macra from The Morton Arboretum. Commissioner Neary would like to incorporate growing native plants through seeds in the seminar, along with information on plants that are not native to the area, however are sustainable.

The Commission discussed methods of marketing the event, with it being noted that flyers and signs, along with information included in the Glen Ellyn Newsletter, E-Blast, website and through the Glen Ellyn Message Board would be effective ways to market the seminar. The Commission requested that the seminar be videotaped and then replayed on the Village channel. Commissioner Glaza suggested that the seminar video could be placed on YouTube to reach an even greater number of individuals. The Commission also discussed a variety of ways to attract individuals to the event, including a raffle or reduced cost products like rain barrels.

Commissioner Neary and Glaza suggested going door to door in their own neighborhood and handing out flyers on the event. Commissioner Glaza will investigate creating a flyer. Recording Secretary D'Arcy Greenleaf also suggested asking local school districts if a flyer on the event could be placed in student's backpacks. Chairman Marcott asked about refreshments and Commissioner Glaza suggested the possibility of getting donated refreshments from local businesses such as Einstein's, Caribou Coffee, The Flour Barrel, etc.

Commissioner Neary will have a list completed for the next meeting detailing the job responsibilities of Commission members for the event. At this point, Commissioner Rahn will contact local businesses regarding donated refreshments and Commissioner Glaza will help with ideas for promotion and will ensure Staff Liaison Denny receives flyer information in time for them to be copied. There is also discussion on what information could be handed out at the event and whether it might be a good idea to have some kind of display at the Civic Center.

## **C. Commercial Recycling –**

Chairman Marcott discussed the commercial recycling subcommittee meeting recently held with Commissioners Glaza and Fairbank. Commissioner Fairbank provided handouts detailing issues discussed at the meeting. Student Commissioner Kinsey then informed the Commission about the Glenbard West Eco-Club's plan to start a pilot commercial recycling program. Members of the club would collect recycling from businesses in the central business district and deliver it to a recycling facility. The pilot program would most likely last for eight weeks.

Chairman Marcott resumed conversation on the issues discussed at the commercial recycling subcommittee meeting, including the possibility of conducting a commercial recycling survey with the assistance of North Central College. A Market Research Class has expressed interest in conducting a scientific survey on commercial recycling for the Village. The cost of the survey will be paid by North Central College, however the Village would need to provide the

class with a list of all commercial businesses within the Village. The survey could focus on the importance of recycling to local businesses, if and how they currently recycle and what they currently recycle, among other items. Chairman Marcott requested that Staff Liaison Denney speak with the Village on the possibility of conducting this survey and report back as soon as possible. Staff Liaison Denney also stated that she will investigate getting a list of local businesses for the survey. Commissioner Glaza noted her estimate that the survey could be mailed by October 7, with results received by the Commission in early November. Chairman Marcott suggested that the commercial recycling subcommittee meet prior to the next Commission meeting to discuss survey objectives.

**D. Other –**

Chairman Marcott requested Staff Liaison Denney report on the pilot recycling program in downtown Glen Ellyn. Denney reported that the recycling containers downtown are picked up once a week and they contain mostly recycling. The containers at Starbucks and Einstein's are the most frequently used and are full at each pick-up. Staff Liaison Denney also stated that the bins used for recycling collection cost \$1,000 each. There was conversation about adding additional recycling containers to the program, in downtown and in other business districts. Denney will research this possibility and report back to the Commission.

(Commissioner Rahn and Pellico excused themselves from the meeting at 9:01 p.m.)

Chairman Marcott shifted the topic to the Recycling Recognition Program. The proposed program would promote voluntary business recycling efforts through a decal/sticker that the owner can display. The Village would also recognize these businesses and their recycling efforts through many Village media methods like the Village website and newsletter. Requirements for the program have yet to be determined. Staff Liaison Denney will research stickers/decals for the program, and will also speak with additional Village team members on the proposed program. Feedback on the program will be provided to the Commission at the September meeting.

Commissioner Glaza informed the Commission of an event sponsored by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning called "Go to 2040." The event will be held at The Morton Arboretum on August 27, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kreuzer requested additional information from Staff Liaison Denney regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's offer to the Village regarding ICLEI software. Staff Liaison Denney reported that the USEPA approached the Village with an offer to input data collected by the Village into the ICLEI software, which would create a baseline for the Village on its greenhouse gas emissions. The software could then be used for programs such as Cool Cities. Denney stated that the Village is appreciative of the offer, and is currently looking into what a project like this would entail. Representatives from the USEPA will be joining the Village Management Team next week to discuss the program and collect additional information from the Village. Staff Liaison Denney also stated that the Village has received a list of the data that would need to be collected, and noted it is an extensive list. Denney will report back to the Commission at the September meeting regarding this offer.

**5. Chairman's Report –**  
None.

**6. Trustee Liaison Report –**

Trustee Liaison Hartweg informed the Commission that the Village's recycling rebates have dropped off considerably from prior years. Staff Liaison Denney stated that in previous years the Village received between \$100,000 and \$200,000 a year, however the Village no longer receives any rebate funds from recycled materials. Trustee Liaison Hartweg also informed the Commission that the Village has cut down considerably on its use of paper. Also discussed by Trustee Liaison Hartweg was the Downtown Strategic Plan.

**7. Staff Liaison's Report –**

Staff Liaison Denney reported that on Saturday, September 26, 2009 there will be a shredding event in the municipal parking lot at the intersection of Duane and Lorraine between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. It is sponsored by the Village, the Chamber of Commerce and Suburban Bank and Trust.

**8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2009. A motion was made by Chairman Marcott, seconded by Commissioner Glaza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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