

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental **DATE:** 9/15/09

QUORUM: Yes **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:01 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marcott;
Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Kreuzer,
Neary, and Rahn; Trustee Liaison Hartweg
and Staff Liaison Denney

EXCUSED:

Commissioners Fairbank and Pellico;
Student Commissioner Kinsey

PUBLIC PRESENT: Bert Lachner

1. **Call Meeting to Order –**
Chairman Marcott called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.
2. **Public Participation –**
None.
3. **Approval of August 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes –**
Commissioner Rahn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Bateman to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2009 meeting as amended to correct the Public Present section to read that Bert Lachner was in attendance.
4. **Continuing Business –**
 - A. **Tree Care Committee**
Commissioner Neary provided the Commission with more detailed information on the upcoming Tree Care Seminar, to be held on October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clayton Room of the Civic Center. She then handed out an informational flyer on the event that she would like to submit to the Glen Ellyn School District to be distributed via student E-Packs. She believes this informational flyer could also be used in other areas of marketing such as the E-Blast, Glen Ellyn Newsletter, website, press release, newspapers, message board, GETV, etc. The Commission approved the flyer with the exception of adding *Seminar* to the name of the event. Commissioner Neary will email a final copy of the flyer to Staff Liaison Denney so she can post and send to appropriate places. Commissioner Glaza will work with Commissioner Neary to make flyer more visually appealing in venues where this is applicable. Commissioner Neary also reviewed the list of speakers for the event, how long they will speak and who will introduce them. The book, “The Giving Tree,” by Shel Silverstein, will also be raffled off during the event.

Commissioner Neary ended her presentation by informing the Commission that Peggy Dresher, the Village Forester, has found an individual to do a seminar on Eco-Friendly Lawn Care. Commissioner Neary believes this would be a good topic for a spring seminar. The Commission agreed with Commissioner Neary's observation.

B. Commercial Recycling

Commissioner Glaza informed the Commission that North Central College (NCC) has agreed to take the Village on as a client and conduct a scientific survey on commercial recycling in the Village. A team of students will develop and implement the survey.

The survey will be sent to a list of about 400 local businesses and NCC will absorb all costs associated with the survey. They will have the results ready in November and Commissioner Glaza will suggest that they present the results to the Environmental Commission at November's meeting. Commissioner Glaza handed out a detailed list of questions she would like to be included in the survey, and asked that the commissioners review and adjust any questions as they see fit. Prior to the survey being sent out, the Village will also have the opportunity to review the questions. Commissioner Glaza also informed the Commission she would like to include churches and schools as a part of the survey. She added that she is hopeful NCC might do a residential survey in the spring if the current survey goes well.

Chairman Marcott shifted the topic to the Commercial Recycling Recognition Program. He informed the Commission that Village Staff was supportive of the program and that the Village could absorb costs relating to purchasing the stickers. Staff Liaison Denney stated that she does not believe the program would require Board approval although they should be made aware of the program. Commission members then agreed they need to develop and outline criteria for the program. Chairman Marcott and Commissioner Kreuzer will set up a Subcommittee meeting to discuss this further and prepare a submission for approval. Commissioner Kreuzer will also develop some preliminary artwork ideas for the sticker. Due to cost, members believe the sticker should be 4x4 and one color. Commissioner Kreuzer will research costs further and report back to the Commission. Staff Liaison Denney will review the Sign Code with the Planning and Development Department and report back if any code waivers are required for the posting of stickers in commercial businesses.

C. Other –

Chairman Marcott provided information to the Commission regarding recycling requirements for new commercial buildings. Commissioner Bateman inquired as to why the Starbucks on Roosevelt Road does not have room for recycling. Staff Liaison Denney stated she would research the question and report back to the Commission.

Also discussed by the Commission was the Rain Barrel/Composting Program in Lombard, and ways in which a program in the Village could be funded. Suggestions for funding the program included grant funds, funds from the Residential Solid Waste Budget or funding in the same manner as the Village of Lombard

Staff Liaison Denney also spoke on the current refuse and recycling contract extension negotiations with Allied Waste. The Commission will be kept apprised of the extension

negotiation process. Staff Liaison Denney also noted that any budget requests from the Commission should be submitted within the next few months.

5. Chairman's Report –

A "Green Fair," hosted by S.C.A.R.C.E., will be held at Cantigny Park on September 26, 2009 from 10-4:00 p.m. The event will include approximately 80 vendors and will have events such as a fashion show, a kids recycling and art fair, beekeepers and cooling events. Admission to the event is \$5.00.

6. Trustee Liaison's Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg informed the Commission that the Village is in the final stages of the Downtown Strategic Plan and will meet again on October 5, 2009 to discuss specific details within the plan.

7. Staff Liaison's Report –

Staff Liaison Denney reviewed the government data list for the ICLEI Software. The Village had a meeting with the Environmental Protection Agency and was able to provide them with all the necessary data to move forward with the analysis.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 20, 2009. A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Glaza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

D'Arcy Greenleaf, Environmental Commission Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Kristen Denney, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison