

4. Continuing Business –

A. Composting/Rain Barrels –

No discussion.

B. Tree Care Committee –

Commissioner Neary informed the Commission that the Tree Care Seminar, held on October 13, 2009 at the Civic Center, went quite well. She would like to start thinking about a spring event in March, for which she already has a speaker in mind to discuss natural lawn care. The speaker has an event in Evanston and she plans on calling the Evanston Environmental Board to see how it was received. Commissioner Neary would like to get the spring event on the calendar as soon as possible so there is more time for promotion, flyers and such.

C. Commercial Recycling –

Chairman Marcott discussed the recently held commercial recycling subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee met to discuss the “Green Sticker Program” and how to encourage commercial recycling among Village businesses. Chairman Marcott detailed the outline of the program and explained that the challenge now is to fine tune the program with some set criteria. Commissioner Glaza noted that she would like to expand the program to incorporate rewards for additional things such as using paper made from post-consumer waste, using materials made from recycled materials, CFL light bulbs etc. Chairman Marcott expressed the concern that if the scope of the program becomes too large, it will be hard to bring to fruition. Commissioner Rahn agreed with Chairman Marcott and stated that moving forward, additional elements can be added to program after the businesses have mastered a more simplistic program. After further discussion, Commission members agreed that the program should be kept simple, and can be expanded as time goes on.

Commissioner Kreuzer detailed the application/approval process for the Green Sticker Program and explained that it will be similar to the process for the Joe Wark Award. The application will ask six questions, and then will be submitted to the recycling subcommittee for evaluation. The subcommittee will then make a decision on whether a sticker should be awarded to a particular business.

Chairman Marcott stated that the subcommittee should meet to discuss a final work product for the Commission to review and vote on at the November commission meeting. He would also like to have something in writing for Staff Liaison Denney to review with Village officials.

Trustee Henninger suggested that once all of the program details are determined, that the Commission create a press release and have Staff Liaison Denney include it in one of the weekly information packets for the Village Board. If there are concerns about the program, it would become a Board Meeting agenda item and the Commission would come to the Board meeting and address those concerns. He does not believe there will be any concerns or questions requiring the Commission to attend a Board meeting.

Chairman Marcott suggested that the subcommittee meet next on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. All Commission members agreed they would like to launch the program in January 2010.

D. Other –

Chairman Marcott asked Commissioner Glaza to provide the Commission with an update on the North Central College (NCC) survey. She informed the Commissions that the Village had a few changes to the survey. The updated survey was provided to NCC and the students are augmenting the distribution list to include churches and schools. Commissioner Glaza believes the survey will go out this week and that the students will attend an upcoming Commission meeting to provide members with a summary of the survey results.

5. Chairman’s Report –

Chairman Marcott discussed the \$60,000 grant from The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the purchase of 65-gallon recycling carts. He stated that the Village sent out a request for proposals in September 2008 for the purchase of recycling carts, however has decided to resend out the proposal request as the cost of carts has most likely decreased in the last year. Staff Liaison Denney will provide the Commission with additional information on the new proposals once they are received.

Commissioner Kreuzer asked Chairman Marcott about the Rain Barrel/Composting Program and whether it could be an agenda item at the November meeting. Chairman Marcott responded that he is hoping better bids are received on the recycling carts, which could then leave additional funds to start a pilot program for rain barrels and composters. Commissioner Kreuzer expressed concern over that fact that the Village could be losing out on possible grants because no one at the Village is able to write grants. Chairman Marcott will ask Staff Liaison Denney about this, but all are aware that the Village budget most likely would not allow for any immediate action on this.

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Henninger informed the Commission that the Board approved the Public Works Department Emerald Ash Borer Program. The Board has also been discussing Manor Woods Bog (located at the west end of Fairview) and obtaining funds to delineate what specific areas are “wetlands”. He also stated that approval of the Downtown Strategic Plan is scheduled for the Board Meeting on Monday, October 26, 2009.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

None.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on November 17, 2009. A motion was made by Commissioner Kreuzer, seconded by Commissioner Glaza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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