

being done jointly with ComEd, the Forest Preserve and the Task Force. Both of these areas are adjacent to the prairie path but are not visible due to lush vegetation. The Task Force and ComEd are replanting along these areas of path so that visitors can see the preserves (both the West Chicago Prairie Preserve and Timber Ridge) and at the same time have no electrical line interference.

3. Approval of October 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Rahn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Glaza to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2009 meeting as amended to correct the following changes:

- Public Participation/Third Paragraph/Line 1 – change “Commission” to Jeff Gahris
- Tree Care Committee – Change “wild care” to lawn care
- Commercial Recycling/First Paragraph – Remove sentence “He wants as many stickers as possible given out, but not at the expense of handing them out for free”
- Conformation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment – Take out first paragraph regarding agenda items

4. Continuing Business –

A. Composting/Rain Barrels –

Chairman Marcott reviewed the Commission’s Rain Barrel Program proposal. He informed the Commission that the proposal designates \$8,000 from the Residential Solid Waste Fund to encourage residents to purchase and install a rain barrel. The program would give residents a credit of up to \$80 for the purchase and installation of a rain barrel. Upon showing proof of installation (a photograph showing the installed rain barrel) to the Environmental Commission, the resident would then be eligible for a payment of up to \$80. There would only be one credit per household and Chairman Marcott is hopeful there will be excess money remaining in the Residential Solid Waste Fund (due to the lower cost of the recycling carts) that can be used to fund this project. Commissioner Glaza will help to fine tune the Rain Barrel Program proposal and email to Chairman Marcott so that he can discuss in sub-committee at a later date.

Commissioner Kreuzer asked about going to the Board and asking for a budget disbursement. Staff Liaison Schrader thought this was a good idea and informed the Commission the Village Finance Director would be sending out a letter to Chairman Marcott (as well as Chairmen of other Boards) regarding this process very soon. She suggested the Commission wait until they receive this letter before they approach the Board.

B. Tree Care Committee –

Commissioner Neary informed the Commission she has been in contact with Steve Pincospy from The Safer Pest Control Project. Village Forester Peggy Drescher recommended that the Commission contact him regarding a Natural Lawn Care Basics Seminar. Mr. Pincospy is available to speak on a Tuesday or Wednesday from 7-9:00pm in March 2010 and the cost to have him speak is \$200. Chairman Marcott suggested this be added to the budget request. Commissioner Neary would like to book Mr. Pincospy to speak as soon as possible and thought early March 2010 would be a good time to have this seminar. The rest of the Commission was in agreement and suggested March 2 or 9 depending on what is going on in the Village at that time. The Commission agreed that the seminar should run similarly to the last seminar in respect to promotion and video. A date will be confirmed for this seminar at the next Environmental Commission meeting.

C. Commercial Recycling –

Commissioner Glaza handed out a rough draft of the Application that will be sent (or made available) to all businesses for the Commercial Recycling Recognition Program. Part of the application consists of background information on what the Commission is trying to do and the other section asks for information about the business and has questions about what they recycle. The Commission discussed changes that need to be made to the application and Commissioner Glaza will implement. In order for members to review the revised application before the next meeting, Commissioner Glaza will send the revised copy to Staff Liaison Schrader so it can be included in the next Commission packet. Members will then have time to review and have questions ready before the next meeting. The Commission also discussed the need for a general use email that businesses could send their completed application and questions to. Staff Liaison Schrader will initiate getting an email address for the Commission that can be used not only for the applications, but for general Commission use as well. Chairman Marcott asked about sticker design and Staff Liaison Schrader suggested that the Commission come up with a few ideas that the Village Staff can then review. The subcommittee will meet again to review the Recognition Program Application.

D. Other –

Chairman Marcott asked Commissioner Glaza to provide the Commission with an update on the North Central College (NCC) survey. Commissioner Glaza informed the Commission that about 600 businesses, schools and churches were surveyed. The survey went out in early October and the results will be presented at the last NCC class. Commissioner Glaza presented and reviewed some of the results, but reiterated to the Commission that although the information she had was official it was not complete. She extrapolated what she could and will have final survey details at the Commission's next meeting. In closing, Commissioner Glaza reported that NCC is open to doing another survey in the spring.

5. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that the Joe Wark Environmental Award applications are due by December 31, 2009. He wanted the Commission to know there is no limit to how many awards can be given out and encouraged Commission members to spread the word and contact him with anyone they believe could be a candidate for the award.

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg informed the Commission that the average sales tax collection for the State of Illinois is down 13%, but Glen Ellyn is only down 2%. He also informed the Commission that the Library Bond issues will be approved at the next Village Board meeting. The Village has no choice but to proceed with the bond issuance as the Village has no other recourse: the builder no longer exists and the Statute of Limitations has expired.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission that the Village Board will be voting on the approval of a contract extension with Allied Waste for solid waste and recycling collection services. The Board will also vote on the purchase of recycling carts for all residential properties serviced under the Village's refuse and recycling program. The recycling carts will be purchased with the assistance of a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and

Economic Opportunity. The overall cost of the carts is \$280,000. This is in comparison to the low quote of \$360,000 received in 2008 for the purchase of recycling carts.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on December 15, 2009. A motion was made by Commissioner Kreuzer, seconded by Commissioner Glaza to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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