

would be valuable information to bring to the Board. The Commission also believed the more information they had from the community the better.

David Creech informed the Commission he believed the proposal also has health benefits, safety benefits (as far as stormwater) and economic benefits. He went on to discuss studies that detail such information and how it affects communities. Commission members asked if Mr. Creech could forward some of this information to them and he said he could. Chairman Marcott told Commission members he already had the survey report and a lot of data from Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation and will forward it to members. In closing, Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Creech suggested that the Commission involve Edith Macra of The Morton Arboretum in the process as they believe she is a valuable asset. Commissioner Pellico asked what the next steps would be and Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission that they will be provided with a TPO work assignment at an upcoming meeting.

3. Approval of January 2010 Meeting Minutes -

Chairman Rahn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Pellico to approve the minutes from the January 2010 meeting as amended to reflect the following change to the end of the Public Participation section of the minutes: “and the fact that the Clean Sweep is scheduled for April 26.”

4. Continuing Business –

A. Spring & Fall 2010 Tree Care Seminar –

Commissioner Neary informed the Commission that the upcoming Spring Lawn Care Seminar is organized and ready to go, with flyers on the event already completed. She also informed the Commission that Bert Lachner, former Environmental Commissioner, will be in charge of flyer distribution in Glen Ellyn. Commissioner Rahn volunteered to distribute the flyers in Wheaton. Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission that Commissioner Bateman contacted School District 41 and they will include the flyer in their e-backpacks and distribute about 50 to each school for lobbies as soon as they get the PDF file. Commissioner Glaza volunteered to make sure the PDF file for the brochure gets to the District contact.

Commissioner Neary also stated that the seminar is going to be kept simple with no coffee or snacks. However, an event sign-in sheet will be maintained so she can determine how many people attended the event. It was suggested that there be a contact person at the Village for people who can't attend the event but would like more detailed information. Commissioner Neary suggested Peggy Drescher, Village Forester, but will confirm this is okay and report back. Commissioner Neary also thought it would be a good idea to have as many community leaders as possible at the event and asked if there was any way the Village Board and the other commissions could be notified about the seminar. Staff Liaison Schrader said she believed most of the advisory board and commission members were signed up for the eblast, which the seminar was advertised in.

B. 2010 Recycling Extravaganza –

Commissioner Pellico informed the Commission that all vendors from last years Recycling Extravaganza have been contacted about attending this year's event. He reviewed specific vendors and where they stood on attendance. Commissioner Pellico informed the Commission that he was approached by a company he works with about picking up computers at the

Extravaganza. He recommended that this vendor be permitted to accept computers at the event as it would allow residents to properly dispose of computers. After much discussion the Commission agreed this was not a good idea since it hasn't been advertised or announced and there is not enough time to make such a large adjustment to the event.

Commission members also agreed a sign should be posted at the event that would direct residents to the West Chicago Electronics Recycling Event. Staff Liaison Schrader said details of the event will be in the *Special Newsletter* which will go out a few weeks before the event. The newsletter will detail location, date, time and what will and will not be accepted. Commissioner Glaza noted that the flyer from last year could be reused if a few updates were made.

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission she would be in charge of ordering the tents, bags, gloves, tables and chairs and vendor signs, as well as organizing Public Works crew assistance and publication of information about the event. She also informed the Commission she would need their help and asked Commission members to be responsible for the organization and setup of the event. Commission members agreed to this and also agreed that getting to the event early to setup would be important. Commissioner Rahn questioned what the best manner to manage the book exchange would be and Staff Liaison Schrader said she could order an enclosed tent. Commission members agreed this was a good idea. Chairman Marcott said at the next meeting they will discuss maps of the event so people at the event know where everything is stationed.

C. Leaf Mulching –

Trustee Hartweg recapped ideas the Village Board had for more efficient ways to remove leaves in the Village. Commissioner Kreuzer then provided the Commission with research he uncovered on leaf removal. Through his research, Commissioner Kreuzer determined that the best manner in which to remove leaves (if not mulching) is to bag them. He also stated that if the Village more aggressively marketed a mulching program for residents, it may reduce the number of bagged leaves. Trustee Hartweg then asked if anyone knew what Allied Waste did with the leaves following collection. Commissioner Kreuzer responded that he will research and report back to the Commission. Trustee Hartweg also suggested the Commission report its findings to the Board. He believes that education will be the key to people making any changes in the Village. Chairman Marcott would like to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

5. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Marcott noted that he would like to create a three-person subcommittee to work on the Environmental Commission webpage design and report back next month. The other topic he would like to get on the agenda in the near future is the Green Building Award (possibly expanding the Joe Wark Award).

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg discussed the sidewalk project along Riford Road. He also told the Commission that ComEd recently attended a Village Board Meeting to discuss power outages, and the steps ComEd is taking to decrease the frequency of power outages in the Village. Trustee Hartweg also confirmed that he will mention the Lawn Care Seminar at the next Board Meeting.

Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the commission that \$8,000 for the Rain Barrel Program is being proposed as part of the Special Programs Fund. Funding will be determined at the March 15, 2010 Special Village Board Budget Workshop and Chairman Marcott will receive an invitation to attend the meeting to discuss the request. There is no guarantee the money will be approved. Chairman Marcott asked if the funding could instead come from the Solid Waste Fund and Schrader replied that Village staff determined the Special Programs Fund was a more appropriate place to fund the request.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on March 16, 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Pellico, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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