

be recognizable by residents. Commissioner Glaza will email the flyer to Staff Liaison Schrader so copies can be made and it can be posted on the Village website.

Chairman Marcott then asked commissioners about volunteers who want to help with the Prairie Path Clean-up. After some discussion, Commission members agreed that all calls regarding the Prairie Path Clean-up should be directed to Jean Mooring. Commissioner Glaza believed DuPage County should also be informed of the Recycling Extravaganza event. Commission members also agreed that there should be a sign at the Recycling Extravaganza informing people of the West Chicago electronics event, as the Recycling Extravaganza is not collecting electronics in 2010. Commissioner Rahn finally noted that Caribou Coffee will supply coffee for the event.

C. Leaf Mulching –

Commissioner Kreuzer suggested that the Environmental Commission write an original publication each month that is environmentally-related, with the first piece providing information on mulching. These publications could be posted on the Environmental Commission's webpage. Commission members thought this was good idea and also thought linking readers to other website articles would be informative. Commissioner Kreuzer believed this was also a good idea but wanted this to be an original Environmental Commission piece each month. He informed the Commission this could be a bi-monthly piece if need be. He asked the Commission if they objected to him moving forward and starting the first article on mulching. Commission members agreed to the first publication on mulching. In closing, he informed the Commission that leaves collected by Allied Waste do not go to a landfill, but instead go to Hammond Farms where they are recycled. Commissioners agreed this was excellent news.

D. Discussion of proposed Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan Updates –

Village Forester Peggy Drescher attended the meeting to get the Commission's feedback on changes the Public Works Department is proposing to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan. Village Forester Drescher stated that the original management plan was submitted to and approved by the Village Board in 2009. However, after following through with the approved plan, it was determined that a variety of changes should be made to the plan, and the department would like the Commission's feedback prior to forwarding it to the Village Board for final approval.

Forester Drescher first provided background information on the current management plan, and then detailed the proposed updates to the plan. The Commission discussed the proposed updates to the plan. Following discussion, a motion was made that the Environmental Commission approves the recommended updates to the plan and that it should be forwarded to the Village Board. Commissioner Glaza motioned to accept this recommendation, Commissioner Rahn seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kreuzer then asked Forester Drescher what efforts were being made to replace parkway trees in the Village. Drescher responded that at this time, due to the budget constraints, no trees were being replaced. However, there may be money available for the fall planting. Drescher also noted that she would love to bring back the "share cost" program in the future and Commission members agreed it would be a good idea. They also discussed the idea of a volunteer program to help plant the trees, thereby reducing labor costs and the overall

program cost. Drescher said she would look into this and report back to the Commission later in the year.

5. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that he presented the Commission's request for funding for the Rain Barrel Program to the Village Board in March. He noted that there are more requests than there are dollars and that the Commission is competing for funds with other very needy programs. He told the Commission that he asked for \$8,000, but assumed the Board realized if they can only give \$4,000 that the Environmental Commission could still do the project, just on a smaller scale. He is hoping to find out the results of the Board's decision in 4-8 weeks. Chairman Marcott also informed the Commission that the Park District was looking for volunteers to assist with various park cleanups this weekend. Lastly, Chairman Marcott requested assistance from commissioners for the Bike to Work Day event in Glen Ellyn, to be held in June. Several commissioners agreed to assist with the event.

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg reviewed with the Commission some details of the last Board meeting and that indeed there are more requests for money than there are funds available. He also informed the Commission that the Board has discussed administrative hearings (for speeding tickets, etc.) being held at the Civic Center as opposed to the County. The Board believes residents will appreciate the convenience of such a program. Trustee Hartweg concluded his comments by stating that the Bryant Avenue project would be underway soon and would cost about \$6.9 million.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader passed out the completed Recycling Award sticker for the commissioners to see. All members agree it looks great.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Glaza, seconded by Commissioner Kreuzer, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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