

Chairman Marcott reviewed with the Commission the memo written by Public Works Director Caracci that was discussed at the last meeting, specifically reviewing the protection of trees on neighboring properties. Village Forester Drescher then provided a more detailed explanation regarding the “15 foot rule”. Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg discussed in some detail the Village Code regarding the TPO and informed the Commission that there is some language in the code that conflicts and should be cleaned up. Discussion then turned to monitoring construction areas for tree preservation, how to deter developers from clear cutting lots and also how the Village can keep track of private property trees that residents cut down. Both Forester Drescher and Director Hulseberg agreed that having residents receive permits prior to removing private property trees would require staff time the Village does not have. Chairman Marcott also asked about deposits for trees and Director Hulseberg informed the Commission that at the present time the Village is only allowed to collect deposits for trees on public property. In addition, the Commission discussed the removal and replanting of trees in the public right-of-way.

Commissioner Glaza asked about putting together a subcommittee to discuss all of these subjects in greater detail. She also asked if someone with greater knowledge could possibly attend. Members agreed a subcommittee was a good idea and Director Hulseberg informed the Commission that her department is more than willing to get the Commission any information needed to help make decisions. Chairman Marcott thought dividing the issues into different subcommittees might be helpful. Chairman Marcott and Commissioner Neary will try and put a subcommittee together before the next meeting.

B. Commercial Recycling Program –

Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that they have an application for the Commercial Recycling Award from Honey restaurant. Chairman Marcott reviewed with the Commission how Honey recycles and asked if Commission members thought that the business met the requirements to receive the award. Commissioners agreed that the business met and exceeded the necessary requirements to receive the award. Commissioner Glaza motioned to approve the application, Commissioner Neary seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously. Chairman Marcott says he may present the award at the next Village Board meeting on June 28.

C. Other? –

None.

5. Chairman’s Report –

Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that Danny Sronkoski, owner of Tap House Grill, was awarded the Commercial Recycling Award at last night’s Village Board meeting. Chairman Marcott also stated that a great pitch was made for food composting during the acceptance speech and that there is legislation pending right now which would permit business establishments to compost food. Chairman Marcott also said the “Bike to Work” day went very well. Commissioner Marcott concluded his report by thanking Student Commissioner Kinsey for her wonderful work. She will be attending American University in the fall and this will be her last meeting.

6. Trustee Liaison's Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg informed the Commission that the recent presentation of the Commercial Recycling Award went very well at the Village Board Meeting. He also informed the Commission that a new preschool at St. Mark's Church will be opening and that ComEd will be undergrounding electrical lines at Lorraine and Roosevelt. Trustee Hartweg finally reviewed some ideas for improving bike paths in town and the current situation with the COD and Village dispute.

7. Staff Liaison's Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission the Rain Barrel Program has officially started. At the present time there are no applications. Discussion ensued on how to best promote the program. All Commission members agreed that it would not be appropriate for Commission members to participate in the program.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on August 17, 2010. A motion was made by Commissioner Glaza, seconded by Student Commissioner Kinsey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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