

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental **DATE:** 11/16/10

QUORUM: Yes **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:43 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:40 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Marcott;
Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Neary;
Student Liaison Flood; Trustee Liaison
Hartweg; Staff Liaison Schrader

EXCUSED: Commissioners Westcott,
Kreuzer, Pellico and Rahn

PUBLIC PRESENT: Planning and
Development Director Staci Hulseberg,
Public Works Director Joe Caracci,
Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation
Member Linda Gilbert

1. Call Meeting to Order –

Chairman Marcott called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

2. Public Participation – None

3. Approval of October 2010 Meeting Minutes -

Chairman Marcott motioned, seconded by Commissioner Glaza to approve the minutes from the October 2010 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

4. A. Tree Preservation Ordinance –

Chairman Marcott invited Joe Caracci to speak about the TPO he redlined and made comments on for the Environmental Commission to review.

*Clear Cutting: Director Caracci informed the Commission that Staff is comfortable enough with the language created by the Commission to move forward.

*Adjacent Property: The Commission was informed that Staff liked the idea of informing property owners about work being done on neighboring properties and informing them a tree protection plan had been created for their review. Staff thought confirming delivery of this notice could be done through an affidavit signed by the developer guaranteeing delivery rather than signatures from property owner. Another idea generated by Staff was to leave hang tags on property owner's doors. Whatever idea is adopted, the list of houses that would require notification would be generated by the Village. All agree the most important thing is to inform residents of the work and to provide them with the ability to review a tree protection plan at the Village. Chairman Marcott also touched on the fact that originally the Commission wanted the tree

protection plans to be created by a certified Arborist. Staff thought plans could simply be reviewed by a certified arborist, as opposed to being created by one. This would greatly cut down on the cost of the plan. However, Staff also believed construction projects over a certain dollar value should require a plan created by a certified arborist. Staff informed Commission members they would work to refine this language and incorporate topics that have been discussed.

*Private Right of Action: Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that the Village Attorney has stated that the Village does not have the right to place this in the ordinance. Commission members understand the response, but are curious what enforcement Staff believe should be implemented in lieu of this. Director Caracci informed the Commission that Staff is not sure what type of enforcement should be adopted. They understand both sides of the issue; the landowner who wants to build and the neighbor who is trying to protect their trees. Staff plans on looking to the Village Attorney to help to resolve this issue so ideas can be generated and brought to the Commission for review.

Chairman Marcott reviewed with Staff and the Commission notes from the November 4th Subcommittee meeting where discussions were had regarding trees on private property, setbacks and creating a fund to replant/replenish the Community forest. Chairman Marcott stated that the Subcommittee's proposal on this is different than the proposal done in 2005 and although simplified, still quite extensive. He reviewed the proposal as it stands thus far and asked for feedback from staff. Staff informed the Commission they do not want to discourage them from bringing this to the Board, but they are not confident this is something that would get approval.

Lastly, Chairman Marcott wanted to go over the specific language Director Caracci used in redlining the TPO. Caracci reviewed the revised language in the revised TPO and the Commission thanked him and Staff for all their work saying they were pleased with the changes that have been made. Commission members again discussed the fact that they would like to make the Board aware of other suggestions they brought forward that did not make it in to the TPO. In closing, Trustee Liaison Hartweg suggested it might carry more weight if a Commission member presented the revised TPO and both Staff and Commission members think this is a good idea.

B. LED Exit Sign Program –

Staff Liaison Schrader reviewed with the Commission the LED Exit Sign Program she suggested the Commission adopt for businesses in the Village. The Village would market the program, however it would be cost neutral to the Village and commission. She thought it would be a great way to promote “green” business practices in the Village. Commission members agreed it was indeed a good idea and all are in favor of adopting it. Commissioner Glaza suggested adding it as a part of the Commercial Recycling Program. Members thought this was also a good idea and Staff Liaison Schrader said adding it to the form would not be a problem. Trustee Liaison Hartweg asked if there would be a permit required to install the LED signs. Staff liaison Schrader is not sure but will find out. In conclusion all members agreed that the program should be adopted. Members also discussed whether the Recycling Program stickers should be handed out to businesses once a year or every five years. Members believe a

five year term might be better accepted by the local businesses. Chairman Marcott said he would like this to be a topic of discussion at the next meeting.

C. Tree Care Seminar –

All members agreed that the most recent seminar was a wonderful one with terrific speakers and great information, however it was not well attended by the public. Members discussed better ways to get the word out about future seminars. Commissioner Neary believed there were many people that would come if they knew about the event. One idea that was discussed is the creation of an email list of organizations that would benefit from the seminar. Members also believed a press release should be sent out for every seminar along with a photo. If this is done it would not only be easier for the news agency to publish the information but a photo might catch the public's attention as well. Members also discussed the Spring 2011 seminar and potential topics. Members agreed recycling would be a great topic and Commissioner Glaza suggested talking to Kay McKeen from S.C.A.R.C.E. Chairman Marcott suggested finding a date for a subcommittee meeting so details could be discussed. Commissioner Neary informed the Commission she would look into this.

5. Chairman's Report – None

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg informed the Commission that the County will be discussing the "bike path" issue on November 16. One of the topics being discussed is connecting the Great Western Trail with North Avenue at Swift Road. He also recapped banners being placed on light poles in strip malls in town and seasonal window displays in stores. He went on to discuss current road construction projects in town, the current status of talks with COD and the fact that holiday lights have been put up throughout the Village already. Lastly, he informed the Commission that Village Manager Steve Jones and Finance Director Jon Batek have resigned.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission that Architect Rene Stratton would like to present information on "permeable pavers" at the next Commission meeting and get feedback from members. Documents on this presentation will be included in the next agenda packet.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

Members discussed the fact that the next meeting is December 21 and many members will not be able to attend. Last year the Commission did not meet and members are wondering if the December meeting should be cancelled. Chairman Marcott would like to discuss this with members that are not in attendance. Staff Liaison Schrader will get a hold of the members that are not in attendance and get back to the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Glaza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

D'Arcy Greenleaf, Environmental Commission Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Kristen Schrader, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison