

B. Presentation by Glen Ellyn Cool Cities Coalition –

Jeff Gahrns, founder of the Glen Ellyn Cool Cities Coalition, spoke next. Mr. Gahrns recapped for the Commission what the Cool Cities Coalition and other green groups have been trying to accomplish in the Village. He also spoke on the Municipal Energy Audit, and in closing he informed the Commission that he will continue to keep them updated on Cool Cities Coalition activities and other green activities that are happening in the area.

C. Other –

Jean and Paul Mooring, with the Illinois Prairie Path, attended the meeting to talk about the 2011 Prairie Path Clean-Up on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Mrs. Mooring would like to have the location of the Prairie Path Clean-Up changed to their previous location at Prairie Path Park. Members of the Environmental Commission agreed to change the location. They also quickly went over responsibilities the Commission will have that day relating to the Prairie Path Clean-Up: 1 table, 2 chairs, plastic bags, advertising, gloves and 1 volunteer to help at table. Commission members will be unable to have a Commission member at the Clean-Up, but will talk to Student Liaison Flood about providing a volunteer through ECO Club at Glenbard West High School.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

Commissioner Rahn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Glaza to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting.

4. Continuing Business –

A. Tree Preservation Ordinance –

Village Forester Drescher attended the meeting to provide some answers to specific questions the Commission had at the last meeting regarding the Tree Preservation Ordinance (TPO). Two of the questions the Commission had on the TPO included: 1. Is it possible to require residents to obtain permits when taking down a protected tree on private property? 2. Can the Village require residents to plant a replacement tree on private property when a tree is removed? Forester Drescher said anything having to do with private property would require additional manpower, be very difficult to monitor and would require funds that would have to be paid for by the property owner. Discussion was then had about how to generate funds from trees cut down on private property, but no clear answer was reached. Chairman Marcott went over the three main parts of the TPO; Public Property, Private Property and the Arboricultural Manual. He informed the Commission he would like to have the Public and Arboricultural proposal recommendations for the TPO in hand to pass at the next meeting and decide whether or not they should move forward to the Village Board. Staff Liaison Schrader said if the Commission approved a proposal in February they would be looking at presenting to the Board in March. Schrader also noted that Staff will present the joint recommendation on the private, public and arboricultural manual, while the Commission Chairman will present the Commission's additional suggestions for the private ordinance.

B. 2011 Recycling Extravaganza –

Commissioner Pellico informed the Commission that he did not believe there would be any real changes to the Extravaganza this year and things should play out similarly to 2010. Members talked about communication with vendors and wondered if the Commission should be in contact with all vendors so that relationships can be developed. Commissioner Pellico informed the Commission he has no problem organizing a subcommittee so members can

contact vendors to help in this matter. Members also agreed shredding will not be a part of the Extravaganza since the Police hold a shredding event. Chairman Marcott informed the Commission that Staff Liaison Schrader found a vendor to do electronics recycling. The company, Creative Recycling, has a contract with DuPage County, and will provide free electronics recycling to the Village, as well as reimburse the Village based upon pounds of electronics collected. Commissioner Pelico said he would add Creative Recycling to the list of vendors. Last topic discussed was the book exchange, with all commissioners agreeing it went well in 2010 and Commissioner Rahn will organize. Details will be discussed at length at a future meeting.

C. Tree Care Committee –

Commissioner Neary informed the Commission she would like to keep the seminar simple and was thinking of having landscaper, Jack Pizzo talk about the Ada Harmon Nature Preserve, the Ada Ball property and possibly some general information on mixing native plants with non-native perennials. Members agreed Mr. Pizzo would be a good speaker and Commissioner Glaza wondered if the seminar could be done at Glenbard West. Members discussed many different topic ideas and dates and Commissioner Neary suggested a subcommittee be formed so that things could be discussed in detail. She also suggested the seminar be included in the Spring Newsletter. Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission the deadline for the Spring Newsletter is the week of January 24. Due to the deadline for the Newsletter, members agreed to allow Commissioner Neary and the subcommittee to make the decision on date, time, location and topic.

5. Chairman’s Report –

None.

6. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Hartweg updated the Commission on the new Village Ethics Policy and much discussion was had regarding it. He also updated the Commission on pooling water in yards and the three positions available at the Village: Village Manager, Public Works Director and Finance Director. He explained that currently the positions are being filled by interim individuals, but the Board is hopeful to appoint a Village Manager in the next few months that would then fill these positions.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Schrader informed the Commission that Glen Ellyn will be receiving the Silver Level Plaque Award from Clean Air Counts sometime this Spring. Updated information on the event, when it becomes available, will be provided to the Commission.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on February 15, 2011. A motion was made by Commissioner Rahn, seconded by Commissioner Bateman to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m.

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