

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental

DATE: 9/20/11

QUORUM: Yes

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 8:58 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Neary, Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Kreuzer, Pellico, Temico, Flood and Westcott; Trustee Liaison McGinley

EXCLUDED: Commissioner Rahn; Staff Liaison Letson

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member Linda Gilbert

1. Call Meeting to Order –

Chairman Neary called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

2. Public Participation –

Linda Gilbert attended the meeting to get an update on the light at Memorial Field.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Commissioner Glaza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Westcott to approve the minutes from the August 2011 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Continuing Business –

A. Lights at memorial Field/Light Pollution and Possible Resolution –

Commissioner Kreuzer (who is currently Subcommittee Chairman) addressed the group about previous discussions had during Subcommittee meetings regarding lights at Memorial Field. He went on to say that the Subcommittee had completed a Resolution for the Commission to review and give input on. He explained the basic idea the Subcommittee had when they drafted the Resolution and handed out a copy for members to review. Much discussion was had regarding the Resolution and members contributed changes they believed will strengthen it.

Members moved on and discussed the ‘tone’ of the document and wondered if the language should be stronger. A motion was made to vote on making the tone more aggressive but it did not pass. Members believed the tone of the Resolution should stay as it is. Members also discussed weather footnotes of some kind should be added to site sources. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that all submissions to the Plan Commission have to be verbal and that the process is similar to a legal proceeding; where members could be cross examined. After some discussion members agreed it would be beneficial to list sources.

Members also agreed that the final version of the Resolution should be done as soon as possible and more specific discussion needed to be had regarding it. Members agreed to schedule another Subcommittee meeting directly followed by a Special Full Commission meeting on Tuesday 9/27. The Subcommittee meeting was scheduled to be held at 7:00pm where members will finalize the wording of the Resolution. Following at 8:00pm will be a Special Commission Meeting would be held to vote on this final version which will be presented to the Plan Commission. Members decided that those present at the Subcommittee Meeting/Special Full Commission meeting would be those who would decide and vote on the final version of the Resolution. Those who are not in attendance at these meetings will not have a chance to come back later with input. All members agreed on this.

B. Commercial Recycling Program Update –

Commissioner Kreuzer informed the group about recent events that took place at the last Subcommittee meeting where Shefali Trivedi (DuPage County Environmental Projects Specialist) and Staff Liaison Letson were present. At that time Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that Village Management and Staff are on board with partnering with the County in a recycling effort. He went on to say Shefali had prepared an announcement which would be sent to the Downtown Alliance and Chamber of Commerce not just to inform them about the program but also in hopes that they too would partner in this effort. He believed that the letters would be drafted and sent within the next week.

C. Commission Goals -

This item was not discussed.

D. Panfish Park Cleanup –

This item was not discussed.

E. Kids Recycling Event/Seminar

Commissioner Glaza briefly touched on this saying she had spoken with Peggy Drescher. She informed the group that the point of the project was really an effort to educate. She went on to say the thought now was that the event/seminar would take place after school where parents would also be invited and she hoped it would help to reach a new audience as well. In closing she said she doesn't believe anything would happen with this until the spring.

F. Fall Seminar -

Chairman Neary informed the group that Peggy Drescher had put together a program that will take place Saturday, September 24 at 9:00am. She went on to tell the group that they should have gotten an email regarding this today. Members discussed the fact that the announcement was made five days prior to the event. Although the program will be informal members are concerned about low turnout.

G. Tree Preservation Ordinance –

Chairman Neary told the Commission that the TPO was on a Board workshop Agenda last week where the Board discussed the Clear Cutting Ordinance. She went on to say that portion of the TPO is not one that the Board is supportive of. She expressed to the Commission how she was disappointed that neither she nor the Commission had a real chance to speak on this. She also went on to ask if Members believed the Board would be receptive to the Ordinance only being applied to the setback portion of properties. She then asked Members if they thought making a

presentation to the Board would be a good idea. Trustee Liaison McGinley gave a brief overview about where the board was with this part of the TPO and when and if it will be a topic in the future. After discussing the topic members decided not to approach the Board but were supportive of Chairman Neary attending the next Board meeting or workshop and expressing her thoughts as a resident and Chairman of the Environmental Commission. In conclusion Trustee Liaison McGinley said that even if a topic is not on the Agenda people are always welcome to speak during the Public Participation portion of the meeting and that Board Members always welcome it.

H. Establish Recycling Extravaganza Subcommittee -

Chairman Neary informed the Commission she would like to gather volunteers to be on a Subcommittee to organize the next Recycling Extravaganza. Commissioner Pellico wasn't sure a Subcommittee was needed and his thought was that some extra help closer to the event would be sufficient. After members discussed the topic it was decided that it would be helpful for other members to have a greater understanding of how the organizational process for the Extravaganza works. Right now Commissioner Pellico does most of the planning and other members might be in the dark if they had to do it with out his help. Members agreed after discussing the topic to being it up again in January/February.

I. Other -

Commissioner Kreuzer said he doesn't want to overburden the Commission but would like to see them get involved in other things such as a Village wide effort to plant trees that were lost to storms and the Emerald Ash Borer. All members thought this was a good idea and Chairman Neary would like to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting under Commission Goals. She went on to say that she has wanted to talk about individual and group goals members have for the Commission. She suggested that members to read what the Village code says the member goals are and think about what they would like to accomplish next year. Members agreed this topic should be on the next agenda.

5. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Neary encouraged members to review the list from Jeff Garish on list of ECO events for the month.

6. Trustee Report –

Trustee McGinley updated the Commission on a recent retreat the Trustees had where they generated a strategic plan for the next two years. Currently, staff is working on goals to try and meet those objectives outlined in the plan. She went on to say that one of the things they discussed was making it easier for residents to buy/plant trees. She believed this would work wonderfully with what the Members of the Commission had just been talking about.

7. Staff Liaison Report – None

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 18, 2011

Respectfully submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

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