

MINUTES
*** MEETING HELD AT SCARCE, 799 ROOSEVELT ROAD ***

COMMISSION:	Environmental	DATE:	1/17/12
QUORUM:	Yes	CALLED TO ORDER:	7:30 p.m.
		ADJOURNED:	8:50 p.m.
MEMBER ATTENDANCE:		PRESENT:	Chairman Neary; Commissioners, Glaza, Rahn and Wescott; Staff Liaison Letson
		EXCUSED:	Commissioners Bateman Pellico, Kreuzer Trustee Liaison McGinley;
		PUBLIC PRESENT:	Jeff Gahris from Cool Cities; Sue from SCARCE; Peggy Drescher, Glen Ellyn Village Forester

1. **Call Meeting to Order –**
Chairman Neary called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room at SCARCE, 799 Roosevelt Road.
2. **Public Participation –**
None
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes -**
Commissioner Glaza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rahn to approve the minutes from the December 2011 meeting with the following changes:
 - Add Commissioner Rahn to members Present at the meeting.
4. **Continuing Business –**
 - A. **Update of EAB Program –**
Chairman Neary started off the discussion by noting some large untagged Ash trees located near Lake Ellyn that are on Park District property. Village Forester Drescher informed the group that she had spoken to the Park District and they would be tagged. Peggy went on to update the group on the current status of the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in the Village. She told the group that out of 1,300 parkway trees 800 are currently being treated. She also discussed how residents would be notified on how/if they could treat their own parkway trees. Peggy went on to say she believed all residents should know if they have Ash trees on their property but she was unsure on how to accomplish this. Commission members were concerned that residents are not going to be proactive if they don't know they have Ash trees on their property. Members discussed the idea of handing out information at the recycling extravaganza. Members also discussed the Girl Scout/Boy Scout Event and thought it would be a great idea to have Peggy there to discuss EAB.

B. Opt-In Electric Aggregation programs –

Jeff Gahrns attended the meeting to discuss green electricity with the commission. He went over with the group the various options the Village has:

1. Do Nothing
2. Encourage Residents to review alternate suppliers
3. Pursue Community Aggregation

He also went over some new things NICOR and ComEd were doing for customers. Chairman Neary thought it would be a good idea for the Energy Subcommittee to get together to make sure information and links were available on the Village website.

C. Village Pursuing an Earth Flag –

Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that Village Staff has been discussing the topic of an Earth Flag and will be further reviewing it with management.

D. Spring Scout Recycling Event –

Commissioner Glaza informed the group that the Recycling Event will be held on April 19. She went on to review with the group a flyer she has created and the best way to generate volunteers. She also reviewed some of the projects the kids would be able to do that day. One of the activities would be decorating CDs to hang on a tree outside the Civic Center. Staff Liaison Letson informed the group he would look in to getting permission for this. Lastly she informed the group the cost for the event will be \$1.50 per child. All members thought this was fine and that it wouldn't impact attendance.

Chairman Neary mentioned that she saw something recently in the SCARCE newsletter about free saplings (trees). She ended up calling the number provided and contacted a representative from the Million Trees Program. It's a program designed to reestablish native nut bearing, hardwood trees. They are giving away about 150,000 saplings and she thought securing some for the Girl Scout/Boy Scout event would be a good idea. Members think this is a great idea for all the kids that attend the event.

E. Other –

None

5. Chairman's Report –

Chairman Neary updated the group on a meeting she had with Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation and the fact that she would like to get more involved with them. She believes green issues in Glen Ellyn are important to residents and CGEP would be a good group to work with to help get positive things done in regards to trees. She also spoke with President Pfefferman about the addition of a new Commission member.

6. Trustee Report –

None

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Letson reminded the Commission that the first Electronics Recycling Event will be January 28, at 8:00am, in the municipal parking lot at the corner of Duane and Loraine.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –
The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on February 21, 2011

Respectfully submitted by:
D'Arcy Greenleaf, Environmental Commission Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:
Andrew Letson, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison