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MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental

DATE: 3/20/12

QUORUM: Yes

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:20 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Koral, Gregory, Kreuzer, Pellico and Rahn; Staff Liaison Letson Trustee Liaison McGinley; Student Liaison Clewlow

EXCUSED: Chairman Neary and Commissioner Wescott

PUBLIC PRESENT: Citizens for Glen Ellyn Preservation member Linda Glibert

1. Call Meeting to Order –

Commissioner Kreuzer stated that Chairman Neary was unable to attend the meeting and he would be acting Chair. Commissioner Kreuzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 303 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

2. Public Participation – NONE

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes -

Chairman Glaza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rahn to approve the minutes from the February 2012 meeting.

4. Continuing Business –

A. Arbor Day Celebration and Forestry Reorganization-

Public Works Director Julius Hanson attended the meeting to give members an update on the new reorganization of the Forestry division of Public Works and the Arbor Day Celebration the Village would be holding.

Director Hansen discussed what steps he has taken to change the Public Works Department to make the organization more effective and efficient. He explained that he has divided Public Works in to three divisions; Utilities, Streets and Forestry. Therefore, there will no longer be a rotating schedule for employees where they do various jobs. Now employees will be assigned to work in one of the three divisions and do jobs specific to that division. In the Forestry Division jobs will include tree trimming, tree removal, tree replanting and landscaping. He then went on to update the group on the status of the Emerald Ash Borer and what steps the Village is currently taking to manage the problem. He also went in to detail about how he was

trying to save money by giving Public Works greater responsibility in planting, removing and trimming trees throughout the Village. Previously, many of those jobs were done by an outside contractor. Director Hansen stated that he is planning on changing this so most of those jobs are done in-house to save money.

Public Works Director Hanson updated the group on the Arbor Day celebration the Village would be holding. The event will be on May 12, 9:00am at Panfish Park. He also went on to inform the group about clean up efforts that will be made to help beautify the park.

Lastly, Commissioners asked that the minutes reflect their deep appreciation for all the years of service and hard work Peggy Drescher has given the Village. The Commission greatly respects her work and appreciates all the help she has given the Commission over the years. It was agreed that she will be greatly missed.

B. Conservation Foundation's Conservation at Home Program –

Members discussed the rejuvenation of this program and what steps they could take to get it working better with-in the Village. Commissioner Koral thought asking Chris Pekarek from the Village Links and someone from the Conservation Foundation to come in and talk to the Commission would be a good idea. Commissioner Glaza suggested asking Jim Klienwachter from the Conservation Foundation. All Members agreed this was a good idea and that Commissioner Koral should spear head getting details taken care of. They also agreed it should be put on the Agenda for next month.

C. Recycling Extravaganza -

Commissioner Pellico went over the current status of the Recycling Extravaganza. He also informed the group that he would detail what was being discussed at this meeting in an email to Staff Liaison Letson so changes could be made to the map and flyer. Members then went on and discussed various details regarding the event. Commissioner Pellico reviewed with the group what time vendors should arrive for set up and also who needed to man certain areas. Traffic flow was also discussed and all members agreed any change made to this could be done the day of the event. Student Liaison Clewlow informed the group that she also thought she would be able to gather about 15 volunteers but would confirm with the Commission later. Staff Liaison Letson asked Commission members to send any changes they have to the Extravaganza flyer to him and he would make revisions.

D. Scout Day Event Discussion–

Commissioner Glaza informed the group that there were currently 100 scouts signed up for the event. She goes on to say the volunteers should arrive at the event by 2:00pm. Student Liaison Clewlow informed the group that 15 members from the Key Club would also be at the event.

E. Other–

Trustee Liaison McGinley asked about the current status of the Opt-In program. Staff Liaison Letson informed the group he was currently working on gathering more information and is trying to get it on the agenda for a Village Board meeting. Members briefly discussed the program and Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that he will keep everyone informed.

Commissioner Koral informed the group that on April 21, from 9-11:00am the Park District would be hosting an Earth Day Clean up at Lake Ellyn.

Commissioner Gregory was wondering about the Village website and whether it could be a better vehicle for providing information. She went to inform the group that she thought other communities made better use of their websites. Commissioner Glaza asked if Commissioner Gregory could get some 'screen grabs' from these web sites so Members could discuss in better detail. Staff Liaison Letson mentioned current staff time and the difficulty in maintaining the site with limited man house being available. He does agree however that it would be great to do more with the site if possible. Members agree to put "Web Improvements" on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Chairman's Report –

None.

6. Trustee Report –

Trustee Liaison McGinley went over current budget discussions the Board has had and gave an update Public Works activities.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that they would be able to review the RFP's for waste hauling at the April meeting. All agreed this should be an agenda item.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on April 17, 2012

Respectfully submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

Andrew Letson, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison

