

Chris Pekerek from the Village Links discussed with the group what the Village Links has done to promote conservation in the Village. He informed the group that the Village Links was the first golf course in the country to be certified by the Autobahn Society as a “Wildlife Sanctuary”. He concluded by updating the group on current things the Links is doing to try and educate residents on what they can do at home.

Members were impressed by all that was presented and moved on to discuss ways to inform residents on how to be more environmentally proactive. Some ideas that were tossed around included an “all native plant” house on the garden walk tour, getting more involved with Village groups (such as newcomers), encouraging schools to plant “certified” gardens, etc. The Commission also discussed gathering ideas that could be presented to the Board at some point. Members also liked the idea of partnering with the Conservation Foundation and possibly getting a homeowners association involved to certify a group of homes, rather than a single home here or there.

B. Discussion of Residential Refuse/Recycling program proposals to Provide Comments-

Staff Liaison Letson went over with the group the Refuse/Recycling Program proposals. He went on to say that two proposals were submitted to the Village, one from Republic and one from Waste Management. He reviewed with the group the details of both proposals such as billing, leaf stickers and the Clean Sweep. He also informed the group that whatever hauler is chosen, they would be required to send out information on any new changes to residents.

C. Discussion of Environmental Commission Page on the Village Website -

Commissioner Gregory gave a brief update on a meeting she and Commissioner Kreuzer had with Kristen Schrader and the Mark Franz. She informed the group that at the end of the day Management believed their ideas were good, but the Village lacks the manpower to implement many of them. Members agreed to revisit the topic and come back with specific ideas. Staff Liaison Letson informed the group that he could implement some specific changes the group had regarding the Environmental Commission page of the website. Chairman Neary asked if when the group discussed the topic if they could have internet access during the meeting. Staff Liaison Letson says this could be arranged for the next meeting.

D. Discussion of Commissions Participation in the Lake Ellyn Earth Day Event–

The Lake Ellyn Earth Day Event will be held on Saturday, April 21 from 9:00am-12:00pm. The Environmental Commission will have a table and be handing out information.

E. Recycling Extravaganza Finalization

Commissioner Pellico gave the group a quick update on the Extravaganza. He also told members that no decisions had been made on where specific volunteers should be stationed. He believed this was best done on the morning of the event. He also believed everything was moving forward but wanted to stress the need for able-bodied volunteers the first couple of hours for set-up.

F. Scout Day Event Finalization –

Commissioner Glaza informed the group that everything is set for the Scout Day Event and she has a total of 156 Scouts planning to attend.

G. Other - None

5. Chairman's Report – None

6. Trustee Report –

Staff Liaison Letson gave the group an update on the Village Board approving the budget for 2012-2013 and the rain barrel program budget for the upcoming year. Commissioner Glaza informed the group that since she has put in 25 hours of volunteer work she is entitled to a \$500 grant from her employer, Allstate. She informed Staff Liaison Letson however that the Village has to apply for the grant, but she would provide him with the information. She went on to say the grant is not restrictive, but she would like to see 100% of the funds go to an Environmental Commission project such as the rain barrel program. Staff liaison Letson did not believe this was a problem and asked her to send him information so he could move forward with the grant application.

7. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Letson informed the group the Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented on April 23 at 8pm. Chairman Neary is unable to attend and Commissioner Glaza said she would go in her place.

8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on May 15, 2012

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