



**3. Announcements –**

Chairman Neary informed the group that there would be a SCARCE Green Gala event on October 24, from 6-10pm at the Westin Hotel in Lombard. Tickets are \$100 per person and proceeds will go to SCARCE.

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

Chairman Neary motioned, seconded by Commissioner Rahn to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2012 meeting. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 6-0.

**5. Continuing Business –**

**A. Communications -**

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she recently had a meeting to discuss the Village website with Staff Liaison Kristen Schrader. One of the topics discussed was changing the definition of the Environmental Commission and what its purpose is. Any changes made would be discussed in subcommittee and presented to the Commission. Much discussion was had regarding this and the topic of the website. Chairman Neary closed the topic by stating that she thought members should review the Village Code and discuss it at a future meeting. She thought information regarding this could possibly be included in next month's packet.

**B. Recycling Subcommittee Report-**

Chairman Neary asked about resurrecting the idea of creating a car sticker to remind residents to use their reusable bags when they shop. All members thought this was a good idea and Commissioner Koral stated that handing stickers out along with the Village Car sticker would be a great way to distribute them. Members agreed with these ideas.

Commissioner Kreuzer asked if the new refuse contract had a provision for commercial recycling. Trustee McGinley informed the group that she did not think it was legal. Staff Liaison Michael Strong stated that he will investigate and get back to the Commission. Commissioner Kreuzer brought up the topic of the Village acquiring a Big Belly, which had been discussed in a previous meeting. As with previous discussions regarding the Big Belly, members thought it was a great idea if the Village could fit it into the budget.

**C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report-**

Commissioner Koral informed the group that she was working on the Sustainable Garden walk and also working to get Public Works Director Hanson a greater variety of tree selection ideas to add to his list of approved parkway trees. Commissioner Koral also mentioned the topics of the new leaf sticker and the alternative idea of mulching your leaves rather than throwing them away. Commissioner Koral stated that many residents are not informed about this and that she thought it might be a good idea to get some information out to residents regarding it. She went on to state that she thought a good way to get the information out might be to hand information out at the place of leaf sticker purchase. Staff Liaison Strong stated that he will look in to this and get back to the Commission.

The group also discussed the "Volcano Mulching" sign created by the Public Works department. Members again thought the idea was a good one and that both designs for the flag looked great.

**D. Energy Subcommittee Report–**

Commissioner Kreuzer informed the group that the Board was doing a great job with the Electricity Aggregation Program. He stated that his only concern was how much Village residents fully understand the concept.

Commissioner Kreuzer asked about an electric charging station in the parking lot on Glenwood Avenue. Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that Public Works received a grant and will indeed be installing an electronic charging station at that location. He stated that the parking space and charging station would be available for free.

Chairman Neary asked if the subcommittee had any discussion regarding the creation of “No Idling” signs. Commissioner Kreuzer stated that they had not, but would. Trustee Liaison McGinley thought it might be a good idea to ask the Village Attorney about this prior to the subcommittee spending any considerable amount of time on the topic. After some discussion, members agreed to table the topic for a future meeting.

**F. Other –**

Chairman Neary informed the group that there would be a meeting regarding future plans for Lake Ellyn on October 22, at 7pm at the Boathouse.

**5. Chairman’s Report – NONE**

**6. Trustee Report –**

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that elections were coming up with many positions open in a variety of areas. She also informed the group that budget talks have begun.

**7. Staff Liaison Report –**

Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that the most recent electronics recycling event went well with over 34,000 pounds of electronics collected. He also informed the group that this was the last recycling event for the year.

**8. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on November 20, 2012.

With no further business, Chariman Neary asked for a motion of adjournment. Commissioner Rahn motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Gregory seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 6-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

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