

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental

DATE: 11/20/12

QUORUM: Yes

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:05 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Neary;
Commissioners Bateman, Glaza, Koral,
Kreuzer, Gregory and Pellico; Staff
Liaison Strong; Trustee Liaison McGinley;
Student Liaison Clewlow

EXCUSED: Commissioner Westcott

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

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 – None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rahn motioned, seconded by Commissioner Gregory to approve the minutes from the October 2012 meeting. This motion carried unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

4. Announcements – Review Subcommittee Goals – Commissioner Neary went over a memo sent to members discussing the Commission goals for 2012. Rather than discuss in detail members decided to review the memo, and get back to Staff Liaison Strong with comments to discuss during the next meeting.

5. Continuing Business

A. Energy – Commissioner Kreuzer updated the Commission on the current status of the Opt-Out aggregation program that was recently voted on by residents. He informed the group that more than 68% of people who cast votes, voted for Municipal Aggregation. Commissioners mentioned how thankful they were to all who helped get this referendum passed. Commissioner Kreuzer handed out a resolution he drafted regarding a recommendation that the Village of Glen Ellyn contract to purchase on behalf of its residents 100% green-produced energy. Commissioner Kreuzer read the resolution to members and general discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of recommending 100% green energy. Commissioner Bateman moved to approve the resolution and Commissioner Pellico seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by a vote of 7-0.

Commissioner Kreuzer handed out information regarding the “Big Belly” refuse compactors, a topic previously discussed by the Commission. He informed the group that

he has been in touch with the Big representative for “Big Belly” and handed out information on equipment and pricing. He informed the group that the price for 3 units (each unit containing a recycling and refuse receptacle) would be about \$13, 220. Trustee Liaison McGinley asked if both the recycling and the refuse receptacles had compactors. Commissioner Kreuzer was not sure but stated that he will investigate and get back to Commissioners. General discussion took place regarding the receptacles, after which the Commissioners agreed it was a good idea worthy of purchase and would discuss in greater detail during the next meeting.

- B. Communication** – Commissioner Gregory handed out a revised Environmental Commission mission statement and ideas for what could be put up on the Environmental Commission section of the Village website. General discussion took place regarding what should and should not be put on the page and what the “link” should look like on the Village home page. Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she would like to give input on the page to Village Staff by December. Members agreed that this was something that should be finalized during a subcommittee meeting and a tentative date was set for December 3 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Gregory stated that she will finalize meeting dates, inform members and forward any pertinent information along.
- C. Recycling** – Commissioner Pellico asked about Commercial Recycling and why the Village has not adopted a plan. Staff Liaison Strong went over with the group a memo he sent the Commission regarding this topic. He explained due to legislation recently passed it is highly unlikely a contract could be made. He went on to inform the group that the county has also disbanded their program and the Commission might want to reach out to local groups such as the Chamber or Alliance. Discussion took place regarding the legal ramifications and possibility of having new commercial developments be required to have space for recycling receptacles. Staff Liaison Strong stated that he will look in to both issues and get back to the group. All members agreed this is a topic that should be discussed in subcommittee after the first of the year.
- D. Sustainable Landscaping** – Commissioner Koral reviewed with the group the letter she sent Public Works Director Julius Hansen regarding suggestions for diversity in Parkway tree selection. She also mentioned that progress has been made on the volcano mulching education for residents. Staff Liaison Strong handed out a flag sign created to inform residents about this issue. He went on to say Public Works plans to keep track of every tree that has a sign placed under it. Members also discussed areas in town that were a concern and best ways to take care of trees that have been mulched this way. Commissioner Koral mentioned that certain trees by Glenbard West were in need of treatment and that possibly working with the ECO Club and a landscaper to try to better maintain the trees and fix the problem would be worthwhile. Commissioners thought that this was a good idea. Commissioners also discussed reinvigorating the Joe Wark Award and possible ways to encourage residents/contractors to participate in the program. Chairman Neary asked about scheduling a subcommittee meeting, to which Commissioner Koral informed the group that Chairman Neary had a meeting with Jim Klienwatcher on December 4. Commissioner Koral will look in to dates and get back to Chairman Neary regarding a potential subcommittee meeting.
- E. Other** – Chairman Neary informed the group that she was involved in trying to discourage the scheduled tear down of the McKee House, which is owned by the Forest Preserve. She

went on to explain why she thought the house was worthy of saving and encouraged members to write the Forest Preserve if they felt the same.

6. Chairman's Report – None

7. Trustee Report

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that there will be a town hall meeting on December 1 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss candidates for Village Board, etc. The meeting is run by the Civic Betterment Party and more information can be found on their website.

8. Staff Liaison Report

Staff Liaison Strong informed the group on changes to the Village hours over the holiday, street closures for the upcoming holiday walk and asked members to let him know when they schedule Subcommittee meeting so that they can be properly posted.

9. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on December 18, 2012

Respectfully submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

Michael Strong, Environmental Commission Staff Liaison