

word out to residents now about why it is so vital to plant slow growing trees (such as Oaks) for future generations. Members would love to have these types of trees available to residents at the sale. Renee Frigg informed the group that at the present time the Park District has budgeted to replace lost Ash trees but has not budgeted for any new trees such as Oaks. This led to a discussion regarding the creation of a tree fund to help plant trees at Lake Ellyn and Panfish Park. Much discussion was had about this and how a partnership with the Park District could help. All agree that including Julius Hansen in these discussions would be a good idea as they are sure Public Works could help. In closing, members agreed to table the discussion and let the subcommittee discuss in greater detail. Renee Frigg informed the group that she would bring this information back to members of the Park District and would work with subcommittee on the project.

The group also discussed the location of the Recycling Extravaganza for next year as the library parking lot might not be available due to renovations. Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that the police had recommended alternatives such as Ackerman, Village Green and Glenbard South to name a few. Renee informed the group that using the Park District facilities would not be a problem if the event were held in March. However, the current date of late April makes it difficult as those locations will be in use. Staff Liaison Strong went on to say that nothing has been decided yet and that those locations are only ideas being tossed around. Renee informed the group that she would like to volunteer at the Recycling Extravaganza so she could get an idea of how it's run. Lastly, Staff Liaison Strong reminded the group that next year is a "Clean Sweep" year.

B. Recycling Extravaganza –

Commissioner Pellico gave the group a final update on the Recycling Extravaganza. All vendors are confirmed and he will send out reminders very soon. He went on to say that it was important for volunteers to show up at the event early, as that seems to be the busiest time of the day. At the present time he did not anticipate any problems and believed the event would run smoothly. He went on to say vendors have been told to arrive before 8:00am and one would be there Friday night. Lastly, he wanted members to know that Batteries Plus will be at the event collecting alkaline batteries and light bulbs. Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that he would make sure to get the signs from Public Works and get the counter to Kristen Schrader. Commissioner Gregory reminded the group that the Police Department will also be collecting unused or expired prescription medication.

C. Leaf Mulching Awareness Campaign -

Commissioner Koral informed the group that she hasn't done much with this due to her involvement with the Prairie Path Reforestation Project but is currently working on text for the website.

6. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Communications Subcommittee -

Commissioner Gregory gave the group an update on what is planned for the Earth Day event at Lake Ellyn. She went over what she would like to talk to visitors about and the fact that she would like to collect email addresses so that questions requiring more detailed information could still be answered. Chairman Neary thought that Volcano mulching and the Recycling Extravaganza should be discussed at the event. She also thought putting things on poster boards might be a good idea. She wondered about having the Enviro-News Letter blown up so people who pass know what is currently being worked on. She thought this could be a good

way to direct people to the website rather than handing out paper. Members also thought that having a poster might prompt people to ask questions as opposed to the other way around. Chairman Neary would also like to bring a rain barrel to the event; she has one at home. In closing members agreed the event should focus on events/programs the Commission is currently working on and they believed visuals could help with this. Chairman Neary will discuss further with Commissioner Gregory after the meeting.

Commissioner Gregory asked about the status of the Volcano mulching flags and Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that he got approval on Monday and the flags are ready to be placed throughout the Village. Commissioner Gregory also brought up the flyer created to inform landscaping companies about volcano mulching. After much discussion it is decided that a letter should be drafted to accompany the flyer and a mailing should be sent out to landscapers. Commissioner Gregory will draft the letter and obtain a mailing list of landscapers and send to Kristen Schrader. Commissioner Gregory also thought it would be a good idea for members to have copies of the flyers in case they see a random landscaper they would like to hand one to.

B. Energy Subcommittee Report -

Staff Liaison Strong informed the group that there was now a month of data available from the Municipal Electric Aggregation program. He also informed the group that ComEd has released their new rates. He hoped this information would be available soon.

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report – NONE

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Koral recapped for members the “Invite Nature to Your Yard” event. She said it was a success and that out of it came quite a few yard certifications. Jim Kleinwatcher made 9 home visits, gave out 6 certificates and has 7 yards to go back and see. He hoped to certify a total of 16 yards.

Commissioner Koral also reviewed with the group the landscape plan she designed for the Prairie Path reforestation. She informed the group that the plan had been officially approved by both DuPage County and ComEd. All members think her work is fantastic and thank her for all she has done.

Lastly, Commissioner Koral informed the group that she was recently made aware of the poor condition of the Ada Harmon area just off Crescent. She has spoken with Julius Hansen and wanted to let the group know that Public Works will be doing some work there to clean it up. Picking up all the garbage that has collected there would be a first step.

7. Other Business - NONE

8. Chairman’s Report – NONE

9. Trustee Report –

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that the Village is in the process of considering a new housing development near Glen Crest School. A special Board Meeting will be held on April 29 to discuss further. Trustee Liaison McGinley also informed the group that the Board will approve the budget at the April 22 meeting and the new board will be installed on May 13.

10. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Strong informed the group there is a mistake on the first page of the Enviro News Letter. He also wanted the group to know that Public Works is planning a kind of ground breaking ceremony for the Prairie Path Reforestation project on April 16; details are still being worked out. Lastly he informed the group that this is his last meeting and he hoped a new liaison would be appointed by the May meeting.

10. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

Commissioner Koral motioned seconded by Commissioner Pellico to adjourn the meeting. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on May 21, 2013.

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