

volunteers and where exactly to put them. After much discussion members agree to table the discussion until Commission Pellico and Rahn are in attendance.

B. Progress Report on Volcano Mulching Campaign –

Commissioner Kreuzer went over with the group sections of the Village that have already been covered (and had trees tagged) by members. Much discussion was had regarding the flags and the experiences members have had placing them throughout the Village. Members believe the flags are working to bring awareness and have even observed the removal of mulch. All agreed that the biggest “culprit” is landscapers, not homeowners. Commissioner Koral suggested adding the Village website to the flag at the next printing and members agree this is a good idea. Commissioner Kreuzer went over sections that have not been flagged in detail and after much discussion members agreed to cover the following sections; Casey Baldin - Section 2; Adam Kreuzer - Section 4; Lee Neary - Section 5 (TBD). Commissioner Kreuzer will follow up with Chairman Neary to confirm she can cover Section 5 and to inform her how sections have been divided for coverage. Commissioner Kreuzer went on to say that he thought sections should be finished within the next week and they should follow up with an E-blast informing residents where to go for information.

C. Streetscape Parking Study (Landscaping) -

Staff Liaison Stonitsch gave the group a quick recap and said the last meeting was mostly about parking and there was little discussion about landscaping. Commissioner Koral informed the group that current information should be available online. Commissioner Koral suggested, since this was her last meeting, that someone might want to replace her on the Landscaping Subcommittee. She is not sure how much they are meeting right now but a designated Commission contact would be a good idea. Members agreed this was important and Commissioner Baldin informed the group that she would replace Commissioner Koral. Commissioner Kreuzer motioned that Commissioner Baldin be the new Landscape Subcommittee Chair. Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee -

Commissioner Koral gave a recap on the Ada Harmon park area off Taylor Avenue. She indicated that she had gotten numerous calls from residents wanting to know what was being done with the area. She informed members that Public Works Director Hansen does have a plan for the area. Commissioner Kreuzer mentioned partnering with the Garden Club to help the village with areas such as the Ada Harmon Park. Members also talked about getting resident volunteers and starting a club of some kind to help with this; possibly naming it “Friends of Glen Ellyn’s Natural Spaces”. Commissioner Koral informed the group she believed many of the residents who have called her would help and this might be a good place to start. She will give information she has collected to Commissioner Baldin.

Commissioner Koral also informed the group that Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation has certified 16 homes in Glen Ellyn and there is still an overflow for him to get to. She encouraged ongoing dialog with the Foundation and suggested inviting Jim Klienwachter to look at the Ada Harmon area and others the Commission has concerns with as he would be a valuable resource. She also suggested using Jim at a future seminar speaker and possibly calling it “How Glen Ellyn can beautify and make healthy their natural spaces”. She went to say she would name specific areas that would be discussed at the seminar such as Ada Harmon. Members loved this idea.

B. Recycling Subcommittee Report – NONE (Commissioner Kreuzer would like for Commercial Recycling to a topic of discussion one the next agenda)

C. Communication Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Gregory asked Staff Liaison Stonitsch about the updated Village website and when it would be up and running. Staff Liaison Stonitsch informed the group that the goal for the website launch is around July 1. Commissioner Gregory asked if there were any upcoming events members would like to attend in their ongoing attempt to garner attention for the Commission and the projects they are working on. Commissioner Kreuzer suggested going out to the business district on a generic Saturday (possibly when there is a football game). All think this is a good idea that could be looked into. Commissioner Koral suggested spending some time creating and maintaining an Environmental Commission facebook page. Commissioner Gregory agreed to look into the logistics of an Environmental Commission facebook page and discuss at a further meeting.

Commissioner Gregory informed the group about an article she read about a municipality that banned the use of plastic bags. She didn't think Glen Ellyn would do this but she thought it was an interesting article and it reminded her that the Commission had discussed car stickers to remind people to use reusable bags. Commissioner Kreuzer suggested a possible award for local business who display good environmental practices and possibly having the commission participate in the 4th of July Parade.

Commissioner Kreuzer recapped what the Communications Subcommittee will follow up with; E-blast regarding education on volcano mulching, creation of Facebook page, possible summer events such 4th of July parade and a new Environmental award related to good environmental practices.

D. Energy Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Kreuzer informed the group that a report is out on the success of the Municipal Aggregation Program thus far and it shows incredible success. He also informed the group that he would address what the Village should be doing with municipal aggregation moving forward into the expiration of the term of this current contract. He moved on to say that he had approached staff about "Veggie Week" but has not heard back. Lastly, he informed the group that he is currently working on a sustainability plan for the Village. He hoped to present what might be able to do with respect to recommending Cool Cities to the Village at the next meeting.

7. Other Business - None

8. Chairman's Report – None

9. Trustee Report – None

10. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Stonitsch handed out information from ComEd and information on the current status of rain barrel reimbursement program.

- 11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**
Commissioner Gregory motioned seconded by Commissioner Bateman to adjourn the meeting.
The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on June 18, 2013.

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