

5. New Business –

A. Vote Recommending the Shortening of Student Commissioners Term to 1 Year–

Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that he had talked to Justin Keenan about shortening the student term. Justin informed him that because the student liaison is not a voting member changing the term to a year would not be an issue. Chairman Pellico motioned seconded by Commissioner Gregory to change the term to a year; motion passed.

B. Kristina Rahn Replacement –

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she knows people have applied for the open position but nothing has been approved yet. Chairman Kreuzer told members to encourage anyone interested to apply.

C. Recycling Extravaganza-

Commissioner Pellico told the group he would send Extravaganza information to all new Commission members to get them up to speed. He informed the group that the process would pretty much stay the same as last year with no reinventing of the wheel. Much discussion was had regarding new vendors and Commissioner Pellico informed the group that participating vendors need to be able to collect enough material to make it worth their time. He went on to say that this was something that needed to be considered when suggesting someplace new. Commissioner Pellico went over promotion for the event and Staff Liaison Stonitsch said he would contact Kristen Schrader for additional information. Commissioner Pellico informed the group that if anyone had new vendors in mind they should contact him ASAP with information. The event will be held on April 26 in the western parking lot of the Glen Ellyn Library.

6. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Communications Subcommittee -

Commissioner Gregory went over with the group the subcommittees desire to include environmentally friendly information in every newsletter and ebalst the Village sends out. The subcommittee has already shelled out some ideas as to what they thought might work. The goal is to distribute information to educate and encourage people to recycle.

Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that the subcommittee also discussed the idea of trying to develop the wetland area behind Walgreens on Roosevelt Road. Much discussion was had about the project and the idea of a possible private/public partnership to improve the area. Trustee McGinley informed the group that the area is owned by Walgreens and coincidentally recently talked about as an area the Village would like to improve. She went on to say it would be a good idea to get in touch with the Planning and Development department to get additional information. All members thought this was a terrific idea and Chairman Kreuzer encouraged Commissioner Van Gorp to get some detailed information together in a memo so it could be shared with Commission members, Staff and the Village Board.

Commissioner Van Gorp also informed the group that the subcommittee would like group and individual photos taken of members to put on the webpage. Trustee McGinley suggested contacting John Norton at the Village for this. All members agreed this was a good idea and Commissioner Von Gorp would move forward and contact Staff Liaison Stonitsch to organize.

Commissioner Gregory went over with the group an idea she had to try and get people to find alternative ways to get to work and train. She thought of tentatively calling the event/idea

“Bike It”. She thought of having bikes that could be pieces of art, decorated by local stores on display throughout town. Her thought was to try and encourage people to ride bikes and think about not driving. Trustee McGinley suggested the subcommittee contact the Appearance Committee for ideas and help. Chairman Kreuzer asked Commissioner Gregory to put together a memo with some detailed information in it to present to the Commission and Staff.

B. Energy Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Lowe informed the group that he went to the Sierra Club Electrifying Meeting on January 13 and gave a small recap. He went on to say that the DuPage Energy Summit would be held on Thursday January 23, at the Hotel Arista in Naperville. He informed the group that he wouldn't be able to attend the event but he knew that Commissioner Van Gorp and Zelasco would be there.

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that DuPage County was attempting to become a “cool county”. He went on to talk about what they were doing to make themselves a cool county and what an important accomplishment is was. Chairman Kreuzer suggested reaching out to the County's Environmental Subcommittee to get some information about what was going on, how they were taking measurements and what their goals were. Subcommittee members will look in to this and get back to members. He then went on to tell the group that informing the Village about grant opportunities to help with these types of endeavors was important. He then handed out an email that Commissioner Baldin sent Justin about a ComEd Green Regional Program that could provide some financial benefit for the Village. Some talk is also had about how Glen Ellyn contributes to DuPage County's goal.

Lastly, Chairman Kreuzer handed out some information forwarded to him by Lee Neary about a tree event going on at the Arboretum. The event is called Tree Boards and Commissions Roundtables: A to Z Forming, running and making the most of you community tree board or tree commission. All members thought this would be a worthwhile event to attend. It will be held February 4, from 7-9 PM at the Morton Arboretum.

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report-

Commissioner Pellico informed the group that he would like to make the Civic Center a more permanent recycling location for things such as light bulbs, batteries, plastic bags, etc. Chairman Kreuzer asked Commissioner Pellico to put together a memo with specific information and ideas so it could be passed along to staff for their feedback. Staff Liaison Stonitsch suggested that the subcommittee contact the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for information. Commissioner Pellico also informed the group that he would like residents to be able to recycle a larger variety of items in their residential recycle bin. Commissioner Zelasco suggested posting links to recycling outlets on the Commission website. Members agreed this was a good idea.

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Cullinane went over her memo with the group regarding the streamlining of the Tree Preservation Ordinance process. Much discussion was had regarding the process with many specific questions about the ordinance itself. Commissioner Cullinane handed out a copy of the ordinance and Chairman Kreuzer asked members to read it and get back to the group with any questions at the next meeting.

Chairman Kreuzer told the group that he thought they should precede with the volcano mulching project another year. Commissioner Gregory suggested using bright yellow signs this year rather than white. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that yellow signs might not be cost effective. The group agreed that signs need to be ready for use by April/May. Staff Liaison Stonitsch will find out how many are left and see if a reorder needs to be done. Chairman Kreuzer went on to say that the upcoming year will be the same as last year with members dividing the Village in to segments. He also stressed the importance of recording addresses.

Chairman Kreuzer lastly told the group that he spoke with Public Works Director Hansen about the Prairie Path Restoration project and the budget he had to purchase additional trees/bushes. He told the group the county requires a formally presented project description. He will reach out to former member Tina Koral to see if she might be willing to help with this again.

7. Other - NONE

8. Chairman's Report – NONE

9. Trustee Report –

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that the Board has been discussing back-flow valves that will now be required for all residents who have sprinkler systems. She went on to say they are also discussing moving the police station (possibly all Village staff) to an alternative location due to space issues. She told the group that the Board will be going paperless. Lastly, she informed the group that the Historic Preservation Commission will be hosting an event on February 6 at the Civic Center and has invited Builders, Realtors and Architects who do a lot in town.

10. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Stonitsch handed out bike maps and asked members to make sure Justin had all their current contact information

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on February 18, 2014.

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