



issuing tree preservation permits. Mr. Kvapil informed the group, historically speaking, this issue has not been a problem and they have not had to address any complaints from residents regarding the process. Because of this staff did not believe any change needed to be implemented. One issue discussed was the TPO only having the power to require residents to protect trees once the permit process has been started. Meaning, if a resident decided to cut a tree down (on their property) prior to handing in their permit, they could. Lastly, Mr. Kvapil wanted the group to know the P&D Department has never denied a tree preservation permit and has always been able to come to resolution with residents. He also let the group know that the current permit application is being revised and streamlined to make it easier for residents and staff. He will make sure members get a copy of the revised permit application when it is completed and approved.

*2. Include complete and accurate information on the Village website to identify tree species or provide reference information to homeowner and tree preservation permit applicants.*

Mr. Kvapil informed the group that tree species information could be added to the Village website but this would require a significant number of documents and detailed images that would need to be reviewed against the Village data system; it would be ALOT of information. Staff thought linking residents to informative sights and useful books might be a more efficient way to address the issue. Mr. Kvapil also suggested possibly having a reference book residents could check out the the Planning & Development office. Members thought these were good ideas.

*3. Utilize the weekly e-blast as a public notice for tree preservation regulation changes and information updates, and for public review of approved tree preservation permit plans.*

Joe informed the group that the above change really had two parts. The first part, to *Utilize the weekly e-blast as a public notice for tree preservation regulation changes and information update*, was one staff believed was good and could easily be implemented as a resource for residents. The second half, to *utilize the weekly e-blast for public review of approved tree preservation permit plans*, was one staff believed was fraught with issues. Mr. Kvapil told the group that there are residents who don't have the electronic plan submittal capability nor the equipment to scan large sheets of paper plans in to an electronic format; which is currently what is required. Also, staff worried too much information on e-blast that has little relevance to most residents could negatively impact e-blast participation. Mr. Kvapil went on to review the current system used to notify local property owners and said residents within 250 feet of the property receive notice regarding the tree preservation plan and it's availability for review at the P&D office. After some discussion member agree they are on the same page as staff.

*4. Amend the Village Code to require that tree protection fencing be provided only in a dark green color as opposed to any color as currently permitted.*

Joe informed the group that contractors may consider trees on the property, or the tree fence itself, to be an obstruction to their vehicle or equipment operations and pose a safety hazard. Mandatory dark green fencing may risk conflict with OSHA requirements or incur Village liability if an accident might occur. Staff suggested amending the building code and ordinance provisions to recommend a dark green color but not to prohibit the contractor from selecting

any other color he determines to be required by OSHA construction regulations or any other applicable laws. Members agreed with staffs suggestions.

**4. Announcements – NONE**

**5. New Business –**

**A. Glen Ellyn Garden -**

Commissioner Cullinane quickly reviewed status. She informed the group that she was informed by Staff Liaison Keenan that Five Corners would not be an available site for the garden as there is a pending sale of the property. Some discussion is had regarding the topic and suggestion are made to call the Park District and Public works to see if they might have available space for the garden. It is clear to members after the discussion that the start date for this project would most likely occur in 2015.

**6. Old Business -**

**A. Bike it -**

Commissioner Gregory gave a quick update on Bike It and went on to say she had not gotten final approval from the Village Board. Bike It was bumped from the last Board Agenda but is currently due to be discussed at the next meeting on 4/28. She went on to say that there are currently 10 businesses participating in the event and she doesn't believe they need anyone else to decorate bikes. Commissioner Gregory asked if there was a way to get a small budget to fund the event to cover small things like locks. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that she got approval for a \$300 budget. Much discussion was had regarding the event and how it could help drive business in to the Village as well as creating awareness for biking. Chairman Kreuzer suggested adding something on the Village map located on the northeast corner of Crescent and Main to inform bikers where bike racks are located. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that the sign at that corner is maintained by the Glen Ellyn Alliance and she believed it was going to be updated soon; members should contact them with any questions or suggestions. In closing Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she wanted to let participants who are creating bikes know as soon as possible when the event has been Board approved so they have as much time as possible to create their bike. She also said she would like to get the Chamber involved regarding publicity .

**B. Recycling Extravaganza -**

Chairman Kreuzer introduced former Commissioner Rahn to the group and Commissioner Pellico informed the group that she would be running the Book Exchange portion of the event. Mrs. Rahn gave the group a quick recap on what she planned to do and also went over some issues she thought might be of interest that she saw at the Wheaton Recycling. There is much discussion regarding traffic flow at the event and how to insure that cars get in and out smoothly with out creating any traffic back up. There is also detailed discussion regarding where specific members will be at the event and what their job will be.

**C. Phase II Volcano Mulching -**

Chairman Kreuzer informed that group that he has informed Staff Liaison Keenan that they would like signs brought to the next meeting so that they can be handed out to members. He also told the group he planed on going over the map at the next meeting so members could decide what section of the Village they would like to cover. He will send the map out in advance so that member have a chance to review it prior to the next meeting.

**D. Phase II Prairie Path Restoration -**

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that there is not much to report here. Right now a plan needed to be developed and he was planning on talking with Public Works Director Hansen.

**7. Subcommittee Reports – (*due to lack of time no subcommittee reports were given*)**

**A. Communications Subcommittee -**

**B. Energy Subcommittee Report -**

**C. Recycling Subcommittee Report–**

**D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -**

**7. Other -**

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he would be at the event and he encouraged as many of the other members as possible to do the same. The event will be held Tuesday evening on April 22 at the Glen Ellyn Boat House.

**8. Chairman’s Report –**

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that Commissioner Baldin has resigned from the Commission due to work conflicts.

**9. Trustee Report –**

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that the Board was looking to approve the budget at the next Board meeting. The Board is also looking at renewing the Aggregation contract but currently rates are not good; they are hopeful to lock in decent rates by the end of May.

**10. Staff Liaison Report – NONE**

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

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on May 20, 2014.

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