

EC's recommendation would be that they seek 100% green energy. Chairman Kreuzer thought a decision on the topic had to be made by the Board in August as that was when he believed the current contract ended. Much discussion was had regarding the program and all agreed it was important to stay on top of current findings and help the Board in any way they could.

E. Tree Tags -

Commissioner Cullinane recapped for the group the tree tag program where large tags are placed on trees to identify species information and inform people how tagged trees benefit the environment. She also informed the group that she already picked up 200 kits from the Arboretum and found out that Public Works was fine with trees being tagged as long as tags were removed prior to deterioration. Commissioner Cullinane handed out an example tag and much talk was had regarding best ways to use the tags and trying to use them in highly visible locations and at schools. All agreed using the tags for more than one event would be optimal. Commissioner Cullinane will draft a memo to the Village Board about how, why and when they would like to use the tags and report back to the group.

F. Invasive Plants -

Commissioner Kreuzer informed the group that he was contacted by the Arboretum about invasive plants getting in to the Arboretum through their Glen Ellyn neighbors. The Arboretum wondered if there was anything the EC could do to help them generate awareness about this problem. Chairman Kreuzer told the group he had spoken with the Park District about this and about starting a joint initiative with the Arboretum that would address the issue of invasive species. He went on to say he would be looking in to this further and would report back to the group.

Chairman Kreuzer told the group that when he spoke to the Park District the topic of garden plots came up. The Park District wanted to start a dialog about a possible partnership. Much discussion was had regarding this and many ideas are shared. Chairman Kreuzer would like to follow up on the possible partnership and also ideas shared at this meeting. He asked Staff Liaison Keenan about drafting some kind of memo/initiative that could help bring the Village and Park District together to generate a more formal interaction. All members agreed this was a great idea; Chairman Kreuzer will follow up with the Park District regarding garden plots and invasive species.

Chairman Kreuzer asked Staff Liaison Keenan about the grant program available through the Department of Agriculture and the Morton Arboretum to get matching funds to help replace trees lost to the EAB. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group how the initiative worked and much discussion was had. He went on to inform the group that the deadline for application submittal was June 1. Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that he had not heard from Public Works about this but would look in to it and get back to Chairman Kreuzer.

G. Meat Free Mondays -

Chairman Kreuzer went over with the group the idea of Meat Free Mondays and said he would like to see the Village take an active role in promoting it. He would like to see the Commission research the idea and put a proposal together to present to the Village. All members thought this was a good idea. After some discussion about the topic, members agreed to vote on creating a "Health & Wellness" subcommittee and for the time being remove the Energy Subcommittee. Chairman Kreuzer motioned to adopt "Health & Wellness" as a new Subcommittee; Commissioner Van Gorp seconded the motion and it was unanimously

approved. It was decided that Commissioner Coffey would chair the subcommittee and Chairman Kreuzer, Commissioners Van Gorp and Zelasco will be members.

6. Old Business -

A. Bike it -

Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that he recently attended the Capital Improvements Commission meeting where the “Move GE” plan was presented by the two UIC grad students interning at the Village. He went over many of the ideas the plan wanted to incorporate and said he thought the entire thing was very well presented and thought out. At this point the plan was being refined to eventually be presented to the Board and published for public viewing. Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that he would like to see this initiative become a reality. He went on to say the two grad students who prepared/presented the research were hoping someone would take next steps in making some of the ideas come to fruition. Trustee Liaison McGinley said if the project was divided in to realistic goals, presented to staff and then forwarded to the Board she doesn’t see why much or all of it couldn’t be accomplished since it’s already on the Boards set of higher goals to create some kind of Village bike system. Members agreed this project should be given to the Communications subcommittee so they can keep an eye on it and keep the EC updated. Commissioner Van Gorp will try to gather more information and get back to the Commission. He will also see if he can get a hold of the Power Point presentation that was given so members could see it.

Commissioner Gregory recapped the current status of the Bike It event. She went on to say there would be 13 bikes around the Village and they would be installed on the evening of June 14. Much discussion was had regarding the event and generating a map that would have bike trails and the 13 bike locations. Commissioner Gregory went on to say she would like to host a downtown “blitz” from 12:00-2:00 on Saturday, June 21 where the maps could be handed out and Commissioners could talk to residents. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that they should contact the GE Alliance about getting maps made. Members thought this was great idea but are concerned about having enough time to generate a map or flyer. Much discussion is had regarding how to promote the event and Staff Liaison Keenan said he would start the usual PR. Chairman Kreuzer asked Commissioner Gregory if she could send photos of any finished bikes to help with this. Trustee McGinley also suggested using the GE Alliance App to help disseminate information.

Commissioner Gregory also informed the group that she would like to host an after work event for artists and participating businesses on June 19 as a thank you. Currently there is no budget for this so she is not sure how it could be accomplished.

B. Veggie Week -

Chairman Kreuzer gave a recap on Veggie week and informed the group that he would still like to see this happen and thought the new Health & Wellness subcommittee could take over next steps. All members agree this was a good idea.

C. Phase II Volcano Mulching -

Members updated each other on the status of their section and whether or not they had completed tagging trees. It was decided that everyone should complete tagging by the end of the week and they would discuss the next steps at the next meeting.

D. Phase II Prairie Path Restoration -

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that this was still a work in progress.

7. Subcommittee Reports –

- A. Communications Subcommittee - NONE**
- B. Energy Subcommittee Report - NONE**
- C. Recycling Subcommittee Report– NONE**
- D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report - NONE**

8. Other - NONE

9. Chairman’s Report – NONE

10. Trustee Report –

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group of a possible walkway that might be installed under the Taylor Street underpass making it safer for walking traffic. She also said the Board had talked about creating a pedestrian underpass at the train station.

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that a Big Belly refuse and recycling stations would be installed in the downtown by Starbucks. All members were very excited to hear this.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on June 17, 2014.

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