

from 12:00-2:00 p.m. to talk to residents and hand out maps of the bike trails; members discussed who would volunteer. She also informed the group that there would be a get together at the Maude Group Offices from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday to thank those who helped create the bikes and to discuss and brainstorm future ideas. She went on to say she expected about 25 people at the event and would hope as many Commissioners as possible would be able to attend.

B. – Tree Preservation Ordinance

Chairman Kreuzer recapped the situation for members and informed the group that the subcommittee went over the TPO. He handed out a memo detailing what changes to the TPO the subcommittee would like to make. After some discussion members agreed the changes looked good and it should be sent to the Board.

C. – Tree Tags

Chairman Cullinane reviewed again for the group the purpose of the tree tag program and handed out an example tree tag for members to see. She went on to say that she would be tagging 25 trees in the downtown business district. She and Chairman Kreuzer will walk the area in the next week to pick which trees would be tagged.

D. – Phase II of Volcano Mulching

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that all members needed to have their list of violators to Staff Liaison Keenan as soon as possible; all members have. He then handed out an example letter written by Public Works Director Hansen that would be sent to residents who were in violation of volcano mulching. The letter explained to the residents they had violated a Village ordinance and the mulch needed to be removed or they faced a possible fine. Chairman Kreuzer went on to say that this was the second year the Volcano Mulching awareness program had been running and the first that Public Works would be sending out letters to residents warning them they are in violation of a Village ordinance. Some discussion was had about reaching out to landscapers in town and Commissioner Short said he could get a list of landscapers who work in town and would forward to Chairman Kreuzer.

7. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Communications Subcommittee -

Commissioner Gregory told the group the subcommittee would like to focus on making sure articles are present in the weekly Eblast and newsletters. She briefly went over some ideas for articles.

B. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report – NONE

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report– NONE

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Kreuzer handed out a copy of the email he sent to subcommittee members recapping what they discussed at their last meeting.

- TPO- (discussed in detail under old business)
- Volcano Mulching- (discussed in detail under old business)
- EAB Grant - Village has applied for the EAB grant.
- Prairie Path Restoration- in progress and PW Director Hansen informed Chairman Kreuzer the trees/bushes have been purchased and will be planted soon.

- Tree Tags- (discussed in detail under old business)
- EC/Park District Collaboration- Chairman Kreuzer handed out to the group an ordinance drafted regarding the partnership between the Village and the Park District. With respect to invasive species, the collaboration could be expanded to include the County, Morton Arboretum and GE Historical Society, among others. He went on to say that currently the Arboretum would like to address 5 specific species such as the honey suckle; which landscapers are planting and garden centers are selling.
- Walgreen's – Andrew will be addressing with Planning and Development Director Stacy Hulsberg.
- Parkway Planting/Lawn Growth – Subcommittee is currently looking at ordinances and what can be done to expand opportunities for out residents regarding plants in parkways and length of lawn grass

8. Other Business - NONE

9. Chairman Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that the Village Board approved a 3-year contract for electric aggregation. The contract is for 100% green energy and is 6% less than ComEd rates. He commended the Commission and said he believed all of their hard work helped the Board make the decision to go 100% green.

10. Trustee Liaison Report - NONE

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the Recycling Extravaganza would no longer be able to be held at the commuter parking lot adjacent to the library. He went on to say there was also talk at the Village about having it twice a year. He let the group know that moving forward the Village would get paid for electronics collected at the event.

A Big Belly refuse/recycling container will be in front of Starbucks sometime in August. The Village will see how this installation works and if it goes well another maybe installed.

Six new bike racks are going to be installed in the downtown area.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on July 15, 2014.

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