

B. Meat Free Monday - (see Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report)

C. Prairie Path Restoration - (see Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report)

D. Commercial Recycling - NONE

7. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Communications Subcommittee -

Commissioner Lowe updated the group on an idea to create a community outreach network to educate and promote awareness among residents. He went on to talk about how he was currently trying to reach out to some faith based organizations; seeing who best to talk to, getting feedback on environmental issues within the Village and making sure as many people as possible know about the Environmental Commission and its mission. Chairman Kreuzer would like to contact as many organizations as possible; faith based organizations, women's clubs, Rotary, schools, etc in an attempt to bring attention to the EC, their mission and to generate a general environmental awareness. He encouraged members to forward names of contacts they might have to Commissioner Lowe so that he might reach out to them.

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that Bike It has been very well received. Much talk was had about ideas for next year such as doing Bike It again and also possible doing "Art in the Alley". After much discussion members agreed to come to the next meeting with ideas so the topic could be discussed in greater detail. Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that the budget is going to be looked at soon so the commission should make sure to get a budget together for approval. Members discussed the budget and what they might need for events for the upcoming year. Staff Liaison Keenan told the group he would work with Trustee Liaison McGinley to flesh out a budget and get back to Chairman Kreuzer.

B. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report – NONE

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report–

Commissioner Zelasco recapped what had been going on in subcommittee including Commercial recycling and a discussion on the banning of plastic bags in town. Commissioner Short talked briefly about the plastic bag issue and said gathering more information from other towns the same size as Glen Ellyn would be useful. He informed the group that he would be reaching out to a friend of his at Aldi who might be able to shed some light on how they made the "no plastic bags" choice. Much discussion is had regarding plastic bags and best ways to attack the subject. Commissioner Pellico asked Trustee Liaison McGinley about the Village formally encouraging residents to use paper over plastic. She said she would have to ask about that and would get back to the group. Commissioner Gregory read some letters 3rd grade students sent to President Demos about why plastic bags are bad for the environment; all members loved them. Members discussed both sides of the plastic bag issue; environmental and the retailer POV and agreed that research on the topic had to be done to make a fair decision. All members would like to move forward in an effort to generate a positive change and awareness in Glen Ellyn. Staff Liaison Keenan suggested that the group purchase cloth bags to give away. The group loved this idea and thought they could be given away at events to encourage reusable bag use. Staff Liaison Keenan will work at putting together a budget for

this. All members agreed this was a good idea and trusted Staff Liaison Keenan would have the best grasp on funds the commission would need for the upcoming year.

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -

Walgreens - Commissioner Von Gorp informed the group that he met with a contact at Walgreens and thought the meeting was positive. He went on to say Walgreens would like to see a scaled down version of the plan and Commissioner Van Gorp thought he would include more visuals. He is currently working on a more detailed plan which would include additional visuals and cost. Chairman Kreuzer suggested asking Stacy Hulsberg to go with him when he meets with Walgreens again; Commissioner Van Gorp agreed this was a good idea.

TPO - Chairman Kreuzer asked Staff Liaison Keenan if revisions to the TPO had been looked at by Staff. Staff Liaison Keenan said it would be included in an upcoming Managers report.

Volcano Mulching - Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group the letter going to residents who were tagged as having volcano mulched trees will go out soon. He will make sure to get the final draft to Chairman Kreuzer.

Prairie Path - Project is underway and looks good. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he was contacted by PW Director Hansen about volunteers to help with weeding at Main/Prospect. He went on to say that Phase II should be done soon.

Tree Tags - Tags are in place and are attracting positive attention. An article regarding them will be in newsletter this week.

Meat Free Monday - NONE

8. Other Business -

Commissioner Pellico asked the group about having shirts made (or something of that sort) so they are recognized as EC members when they attend events. Members discussed the topic and also talk about getting business cards. In the end, members thought getting hats and badges was a good idea. Trustee McGinley will check on cost through public works. Commissioner Gregory and Van Gorp will work to come up with a design and follow up with Trustee Liaison McGinley.

Commissioner Zelasco asked the group about getting more recycling containers at events in town. Members believed the Village has done a good job making sure recycling containers are available at events, but sometimes there is not enough. Members would like to see the Village require organizations that hold events in town to have the proper amount. Staff Liaison Keenan will look in to what is currently asked of organizations and get back to the group.

Commissioner Gregory briefly talked about recycling house material from demolished homes in town and working with the GE Preservation Commission, Historical Society, etc to help see the material get recycled.

9. Chairman Report – NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report -

Trustee Liaison McGinley informed the group that budget talks were starting. She also told the group that the Village attorney was now an employee and would be in-house. Lastly, she informed the group that for the next six months a few members of the Historic Preservation and Architectural Review Commission would have dual roles and serve on both commissions simultaneously.

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the meeting room for monthly EC meetings will be changing; meeting now will be held in room 306. He also informed the group that the Big Belly machine will be located in front of Inland bank due to light issues and the system running on solar power.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

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

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