

sustainable gardening and/or banning plastic bags with in the Village. The kids research the problem and then present their findings/answers to a panel, of which Chairman Kreuzer will be a part. The panel will evaluate the problem solving skills of the kids.

Talk is also had about sustainable gardens and Chairman Kreuzer asked Renae Frigo if the Park District would like to participate. She informed the group that she didn't see why something couldn't be put in the Park District brochure.

Commissioner Lowe informed the group that he met with a representative from Faith Lutheran Church and they were very interested in helping the Commission. He also told the group about a multi-faith group (comprised of a variety of faith based organizations in town) that meets every other month. Discussion was had regarding all of this and members thought it would be a good idea for Commissioner Lowe to attend one of the meetings, introduce himself, and give some background on the EC and what they were currently involved with. Members also agreed to develop a contact list so that information could be disseminated in an organized fashion to contacts. An example of this would be sending info to a contact at a church so that it gets in to their bulletin. Members also discussed faith based resources and how to best use and include them in events the EC is working on. All agreed that a contact list could be a great resource and a working document that could be sent to members would also be a good idea. Commissioner Gregory will send what she currently has to Chairman Kreuzer.

Commissioner Van Gorp reviewed with the group the presentation he planned on giving to the representatives from Glen Ellyn's sister city Le Bouscot, France. Staff Liaison Keenan gave a short recap on the schedule that will take place, which will include a reception at Reserve 22. Commission members would have a chance to speak at the reception.

B. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that the Health & Wellness subcommittee was very focused on Meat Free Monday. Commissioner Berger gave a quick recap on what steps the subcommittee had taken thus far. He also told the group that he had been in contact with the Meat Free Alliance, Glen Ellyn Alliance, John Norton at GETV and Marcel's regarding the event and to make sure they knew it was something the EC was working to make happen. Commissioner Berger also told the group he would like to have a representative from Meat Free Monday attend an EC meeting so that all members could be better informed about the thinking behind the concept. Much talk and discussion was had regarding the event and all members were excited about the possibilities. Trustee McGinley informed the group the President Demos has been informed about Meat Free Monday and will look in to it.

Chairman Kreuzer asked Trustee McGinley if she had heard about whether the police department supplied "No Gun" stickers to merchants for their store windows. She informed the group that the police department does not give out stickers but does refer people where they can purchase them.

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report–

Chairman Kreuzer gave the group an update on Big Belly and told the group that the current Big Belly is being moved. He suggested to the group that they think about asking for funds in the upcoming budget to purchase a second Big Belly. Much talk was had regarding the

benefits of having a second Big Belly and the logistics of where it could be placed. Talk is also had about advertising as a means to offset cost.

Chairman Kreuzer also updated the group on what is and is not recyclable. Specifically, he went over what the different numbers on the bottom of plastic containers mean (ie; what will and will not go to a landfill). He and Commissioner Zalasco thought getting this information out to residents was important. Commissioner Gregory reminded the group of her idea to have a kind of “cheat sheet” sticker residents could put on the inside of their recycling container to help them.

Chairman Kreuzer discussed commercial recycling and how the Village could get businesses to recycle thru the waste haulers. He informed the group there were specific steps that needed to be taken to make this vision a reality. Much talk was had regarding the benefits of commercial recycling and the steps the Village needed to take to get it done. Discussion was also had about going directly to business owners and finding out whether or not they want to recycle. Also, who has the space for a recycling container?

Commissioner Short gave a quick recap on what he has been doing in regards to plastic bags. He told the group he met with the Glenbard West Eco Club; both the teacher and students were interested in the plastic bag campaign. He also told the group he had spoken with the Sustainable Coordinator for Evanston about their successful ban of plastic bags there. He typed up a memo detailing his conversation with the Evanston coordinator and also downloaded Evanston’s actual ordinance. He is working on putting a rough ordinance together for Glen Ellyn that he hopes to present to the Subcommittee soon. He also reminded the group that Glen Ellyn was very different from Evanston and much of what they were able to do would not be significant or applicable to Glen Ellyn.

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Van Gorp updated the group on what was currently going on with the Walgreens project. He told the group he had received a firm budget from the landscaper that was significantly lower than the original figure he was given. He also wondered if any funding might come from the Village. He would like to have an answer to this question prior to his meeting with Walgreens. Lastly, he informed the group no meeting is currently scheduled with Walgreens but when he goes Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg will attend as well.

7. Other Business - NONE

8. Chairman Report – NONE

9. Trustee Liaison Report -

Trustee McGinley informed the group that a presentation was given to the Board regarding the potential new development where Giesche is currently located. She went on to say the presentation was given without any questions or response from Board Members.

10. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group the bike station located at Forest and Duane will be installed in the spring. He also informed the group that Creative Recycling has gone out of

business which is why there is currently no electronics recycling for residents of Glen Ellyn and other towns.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2014.

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