

officially recognize local businesses that have made substantial efforts to become environmentally sustainable by adopting best practices in a variety of areas. Businesses that fulfill the program requirements get recognized at a Village council meeting and receive a decal and access to an official logo to help promote their status as a green business. Staff Liaison Keenan went on to say he didn't have as much information as he wanted because his contact there was currently on leave. He thought the program might be something the EC would want to look in to and mimic in some way. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that the Commission did have a similar program but it is no longer active. Discussion was had about adopting a program for Glen Ellyn.

6. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Communications Subcommittee -

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she would be speaking to Westbrook Elementary School tomorrow about plastic bags. She went on to say that she was also asked to speak at Ben Franklin in the coming month. Commissioner Short and Chairman Kreuzer told the group that they have also been asked to speak at different schools as a part of the problem based learning program organized by School District 41.

Commissioner Gregory talked to the group about putting together some kind of recycling resource link for residents. She informed the group that she got a hold of a Recycling EBook that Oak Park put together with a variety of resources for recycling. She said it was quite extensive and well put together. Members talked about possibly using the EBook and linking it to the EC web page. Members did not think Oak Park would mind as long as they were asked. Talk was also had about making the EC webpage more appealing.

Commissioner Gregory spoke to the group about the Village parkways and how important it was for residents to take care of that properly. She went on to tell the group that she had put together a kind of "DO's and DON'Ts guidelines" sheet for the Village parkways. She was hoping the EC would take a look at it and give her some feedback. She told the group if they liked the idea she could find tune it and hopefully send it to the Board. She told Chairman Kreuzer she would send her current copy to him.

Commissioner Gregory told the group she recently attended a Park District Board Meeting so that she could express her concern over the artificial turf that might be installed at some Park District facilities. Much talk was had regarding artificial fields and members agreed that before they weigh in on the topic they needed to be better informed. Commissioner Gregory will get additional information and get back to the group.

Lastly, Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she spoke to some retailers about the ECO walk in town. She went to say the feedback from retailers was positive. She reminded the group that the event would have retailers do environmentally friendly themes in their store windows. Discussion was had about the event and Commissioner Gregory said more details needed to be ironed out and the group could talk further about it at future meetings.

B. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that Planning and Development Director Stacy Hulseberg got back to the EC regarding the Walgreens plans. The plans were approved and

when Subcommittee members meet with Walgreens to present them she would attend. The subcommittee will be ironing out next steps and will keep the EC informed.

Commissioner Berger informed the group that he and Chairman Kreuzer met with the Chamber of Commerce and the GE Downtown Alliance about Meatless Mondays. Both groups thought the idea was a good one and are on board moving forward. Commissioner Berger told the group after talking with both organizations it was decided that one menu encompassing dishes from all the participating restaurants in town might work best. Talk was also had about promotion and next steps. Commissioner Berger also informed the group that Glen Ellyn would be the first city in Illinois to do Meatless Mondays. He was currently waiting on Chamber and Alliance feedback from restaurants in town. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he has also had been in contact with a variety of groups (non restaurant related) that would like to help sponsor the event.

Chairman Kreuzer brought up the topic of phosphorus pollution. He would like this to be a topic of discussion future meetings.

C. Recycling Subcommittee Report–

Commissioner Short told the group that he recently reviewed a plastic bag ordinance from Ft. Collins, CO. He handed out copies of the ordinance to the group and briefly went over it. He went on to say he thought it could be tailored to suit Glen Ellyn; possibly making it slightly broader. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that any bag ban would also include paper bags; although recyclable, they require a tremendous amount of resources to generate. Commissioner Short also said the Glenbard West ECO Club was still very interested in participating and he had been in contact with them. He however has not heard back from Glenbard South even though he has attempted several times. Chairman Kreuzer told the group he hoped to review an ordinance draft at the next subcommittee meeting and would give details to the Commission next month.

Commissioner Zalasco asked about the location of the Recycling Extravaganza and Staff Liaison Keenan told the group that all alternative locations have said no to the event. A discussion was had about having it at the old location and Staff Liaison Keenan said the event might work better if there were not so many vendors. He suggested possibly getting rid of the book exchange portion of the event coupled with extending the event two hours. He went on to say that they had to turn away about 150 cars last year and some people were upset. Members thought these were good ideas.

D. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report - NONE

7. Other Business - NONE

8. Chairman Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that there where applications for the student commissioner position ready to review but he was waiting to hear from President Demos before moving forward.

Members briefly discussed the new building that might go up where Giesche is currently located. They agreed to table this discussion until they have more information.

9. Trustee Liaison Report - NONE

10. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the Village is thinking of changing the lights in town to LED. There is one light directly outside the Civic Center that has already been changed. He asked the group if they would mind going outside at the end of the meeting to give him their input so he can pass it along to staff. *(Members went outside after the meeting and asked if the light could be a little warmer and if it could be capped so that more light hits the ground. Commissioner Berger will send Staff Liaison a memo detailing the Commissions thoughts.)*

He also informed the group that Big Belly has been installed at Main and Crescent. He went on to say that after extensive research and number crunching he has recommended to the Village that they purchase four more. Members thought this was a great idea.

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that aggregation rates for electric have been higher than ComEd for the past four months. The Village has been talking about next best steps; canceling the contract, rebidding or sticking it out. Members thought the Village should stick with the program but maybe it might be a good idea to remind residents that they can always “opt-out”. Staff Liaison Keenan told the group that was what staff was thinking.

11. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

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

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