

7. Subcommittee Reports –

A. Recycling Subcommittee -

Commissioner Short informed the group that he had completed the draft ordinance for the bag ban. It has been given to Chairman Kreuzer to review prior to sharing with the entire Commission. Chairman Kreuzer mentioned that what he has read thus far sounded great but he will discuss with Commissioner Short and then get back to the group.

Commissioner Zelasco told the group that he had been doing some research on where plastic bags go when they are collected and sent off for recycling. He talked a little bit about that and also told the group that Madison, WI has a plastic bag collection program. He finished by saying that he was still compiling research and would get back to the group with further details. He also told the group he was doing phosphorus research.

Commissioner Short told the group he spoke to the Glenbard West ECO Club about canvassing the downtown area to get recycling information from business owners; specifically how and what they recycle and what bags or containers they use. He went on to say that they've moved forward on their own and last he heard they were almost done with the research. He thought that having the President of the club come to a meeting to present the findings might be a good idea. All members thought this was a great idea and were excited to hear about the findings.

B. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that Meatless Mondays is still moving forward and DuPage Medical Group is still interested in participating.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report–

Commissioner Unlauf informed the group that the subcommittee would like to focus on invasive species, native plants, and phosphorus education/elimination moving forward. Talk was had about educating residents about how to use native plants to help with runoff. She went on to talk about a composting program that Oak Park has. The program is managed through their waste hauler and works like regular curbside garbage/recycling pickup. It also only runs in the warmer months April-October. She went on to say that it's not only residents who have signed up; schools, hospitals and restaurants have also signed up. Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that Glen Ellyn doesn't use the same waste hauler as Oak Park so he wasn't sure if the same programs would be available. He will look in to this and get back to the group.

Chairman Kreuzer asked about the rain barrel program. Staff Liaison Keenan said the program is still active and allows for 25 residents to get reimbursed a year. So far this year there have been 14 applications for reimbursement.

Talk is also had about the signs that will go up for the garden plots and them being done by everyone involved in the program.

D. Communications Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Gregory was not in attendance at the meeting but she sent an email detailing what she wanted the group updated on.

- Oak Park confirmed the use of their "Beyond the Bin" recycling eBook. The only request they had was that their name "Beyond the Bin" not be used.

- She made some changes to the EC webpage which she will forward to Staff Liaison Keenan.
- She spoke with the Chamber about the ECO walk and Bike it for 2015. The Chamber likes both ideas but Commissioner Gregory is concerned that the ECO walk might be too large for her to manage. Members briefly discuss how to help Commissioner Gregory but table the discussion until she is in attendance.

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the Village now has a YouTube page and he encouraged the group to come to him with ideas.

8. Other Business - NONE

9. Chairman Report – NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison McGinley was not in attendance at the meeting but she sent an email detailing what she wanted the group updated on.

- The purchase of four more Big Bellys has been approved.
- Budget for Rain Barrel program has been approved.
- New PD station at Panfish Park has the support of the Board. Currently the project is in initial stages of conversation.
- Board approved the renovation of Taylor Street underpass to widen it for pedestrians and bikers.

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that the Village took part in a pumpkin recycling event at SCARCE where they collected a total of 18,000lbs of pumpkin. Village participation in the event was last minute and next year information about the event will be better circulated. He also informed the group that the Village Links was recognized for Environmental Excellence by Audubon International.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on December 16, 2014.

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