



**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes –**

Commissioner Van Gorp motioned and Commissioner Zelasco seconded to approve the September 2014 meeting minutes.

**4. Announcements – NONE**

**5. New Business –**

**A. Glenbard West ECO Club**

Students Nicole Cerneche, Christina Sedall and Caroline Maltby (members of the Glenbard West ECO Club) attended the meeting to discuss their research findings on commercial recycling after canvassing the downtown business district. Students gave a very informative and moving power point presentation on recycling and on their specific findings. Members were very impressed with the information and discussion was had about the findings and also how the ECO Club and the EC could work together. Discussion was also had about recyclable and non-recyclable plastics and what the various numbers in the middle of the recycling triangle mean. The Commission asked students if they might be able to do further investigation to find out if the plastic businesses were using was recyclable. Discussion was had about what the EC has been working on in regards to this specific topic. Trustee Liaison McGinley asked the group if they would like to attend a Village Board Workshop on February 17 to inform and educate the Board on the topic and present current findings on their plastic bag ban. All members thought this was a great idea and Commissioner Short suggested that the ECO Club give their presentation at that meeting; possibly to start of the discussion. All members thought this was a great idea.

**6. Old Business – NONE**

**7. Subcommittee Reports –**

**A. Recycling Subcommittee -**

Chairman Kreuzer updated the group on the latest draft drawn up regarding the Plastic Bag Ordinance. Commissioner Short gave the group a quick recap on the idea behind the ordinance, where some of the information came from and asked members to please share any concerns with him regarding how the ordinance was currently drawn up. The goal of the Ordinance is to alter behavior by using a monetary requirement; hopefully generating bag awareness. One of the thoughts being that sometimes purchases are put in bags before the customer even knows and nothing is said. He went on to say that there were some minor things that still needed to be ironed out but for the most part the Ordinance was finished. He also told the group that the ordinance would require customers who need a bag from an establishment to pay no less than .05¢ per bag. Members then segwayed and talked about best ways to recycle plastic bags and who recycles them. Chairman Kreuzer would love partner with a company like Trex; they collect and recycle bags people take to Jewel for recycling. After much discussion members decide that to make a motion to approve the draft Ordinance. Chairman Kreuzer motions to recommend the ordinance as drafted to the Village Board through its Village workshop for consideration and evaluation; Commissioner Short motioned to approve, Commissioner Gregory seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Kreuzer also informed the group that he had spoken with Staff Liaison Keenan about mandating that all landlords provide space for recycling. Lastly, all members agreed that much needed to be discussed in subcommittee and committee level prior to any presentation to the Village Board

in February. All members would like as much information as possible to be presented in as concise package as possible.

**B. Health & Wellness Subcommittee –**

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that there was not much to report here. He would like to include the Monarch Butterfly project under this subcommittee. Commissioner Umlauf suggested it might fit better under Sustainable Landscaping. After some discussion members agreed to place the Monarch project under Sustainable Landscaping.

**C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report–**

Discussion was had regarding the Monarch project and possible locations for the planting of milkweed. Many possible locations were discussed, such as 5-corners. Park District Liaison Frigo informed the group that the library plants milkweed and they also do some education on it as well. She went on to say that she thought some could be planted at Stacy’s Park. Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he would like to generate awareness and incorporate as many organizations as possible into the program.

**D. Communications Subcommittee Report –**

Before discussion was had regarding this subcommittee Chairman Kreuzer wanted the group to know that he would be discussing the website with staff member John Norton. Commissioner Lowe gave a recap on where he was regarding partnerships with religious organizations. He told the group that he would like to do an annual report of things the Commission had been working on and share that with organizations. He also was developing an Agenda of talking points to review with the organizations and possibly an award of some kind.

Commissioner Gregory talked about websites from other municipalities; Evanston and Oak Park specifically. She went on to inform the group that she would like to create a multipage PDF recycling source book. She specifically spoke about what she would like to include in the source book and asked for members help in collecting information that would be included in the book. After some discussion Chairman Kreuzer asked if Commissioners Pellico and Zalasco could review the resources that the EC already has prior to all members doing research. He went on to say that he would love to have this kind of resource available on the website and would also love to have something to hand out at the Recycling Extravaganza. Member thought this was a good idea.

Commissioner Gregory informed the group that she had sent Staff Liaison Keenan two new articles; holiday lights and parkway planting.

Commissioner Van Gorp informed the group that he had been in touch with representatives from Glen Ellyn’s sister city Le Bouscot, France. He went on to say that they were open to collaborating but the question was what to collaborate on. Chairman Kreuzer suggested getting in touch with a Glenbard West french teacher to help with communication. He also told the group that he had spoken with Staff Liaison Keenan about the subject and he was asked not to commit to anything without first talking to staff.

**8. Other Business - NONE**

**9. Chairman Report –**

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he meet with Rich Nichols, proprietor of the old Pennsylvania Place building located on Pennsylvania, between Forest and Main, on the south side of the street. He thought his location might be a good one for the Envirowalk. Members thought this was a very interesting idea.

**10. Trustee Liaison Report – NONE**

**11. Staff Liaison Report – NONE**

**12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –**  
The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on January 19, 2015.

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