

4. Announcements – NONE

5. New Business –

A. Elevate Energy – (See Public Participation)

B. Proposed Bike Trails -

Park District Liaison Frigo gave the group a quick update on the current grant the Village has to connect the Great Western Trail (Just north of Ackerman Sports facility) to Geneva Road. Currently she is working with the county to acquire the proper permits but the trail extension will be located north of the Ackerman facility at its lowest grade. It will go east towards the parking lot where users will be able to travel through the complex grounds to connect with St. Charles Road. The trail will be made of limestone and she said she was hopeful construction would be done before soccer season begins, which would be midsummer.

Commissioner Pulver gave the group a quick recap on the proposed Bike Trail system throughout the Village. Most of these trails go north/south helping to connect the Great Western trail with the Prairie Path and downtown Glen Ellyn. He went on to talk about the Village proposal to connect north and south Glen Ellyn and also the county's proposed ideas to try to create a path going north/south to connect Bloomingdale to Woodridge. The route would follow 355, but there are many obstacles that need to be overcome including marsh areas. Much talk was had regarding the benefits of such an extensive north/south connection and how it would allow residents to access many other towns. Chairman Kreuzer asked Staff Liaison Keenan if he had any information on bike trails within the Village. Staff Liaison Keenan told the group the only information he had was a bike lane being installed in front of Glenbard West when Crescent Blvd. is redone. Commissioner Pulver told the group that the League of Women Voter has urged the EC to encourage the Village to seek out grant money to move the project alone. Commissioner Pulver will contact the League of Women Voter and get back to the group with some more detailed information.

6. Old Business –

A. Single-Use Bag Fee -

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that a survey has been created and will hopefully go out to retailers soon.

B. Green Space-

Commissioner Gregory gave a recap of where she was with the Green Spaces project and that the Glen Ellyn Alliance was very excited about participating. She went on to say that a proposal detailing the event would go out to all GE Alliance members very soon and the deadline to participate is May 15. She went on to say that she would like to do something similar to what she did last year for Bike It to thank all those who participated. All members thought this was a good idea. Chairman Kreuzer also asked if Commissioner Umlauf would be available to participate. He was hoping she could help encourage retailers to use native species in their planting.

C. Monarch Event -

Commissioner Umlauf informed the group that this event would take place at the GE Library on Saturday, March 21 and representatives from Willowbrook Wildlife would be there. She said there would be two sessions; one at 11:00am and another at 2:00pm. She also wanted members to know that seeds will also be given out at the event.

D. Garden Plots/Native Species -

Commissioner Umlauf told the group there would be a meeting next week to finalize the details of this project and students and the members of the Food Pantry would be there. The official name for the project is Growing Glen Ellyn; Gardens for giving.

E. Manor Woods (Bog) Clean Up –

Commissioner Van Gorp gave a quick recap on this and handed out a preliminary flyer he created. He told the group that he recently found out that wood chips would be down prior to the event so that job will no longer be a part of the clean up. Chairman Kreuzer suggested trying to get more information out about invasive species and Staff Liaison Keenan told the group that they need to call the area Manor Woods because that is the recognized Village name for the area.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Committee -

Commissioner Pellico gave the group a quick recap on the Recycling Extravaganza. He informed everyone that the lineup of vendors would be almost the same as last year but currently they do not have a scrap metal vendor. He went on to say that the event also has extended hours this year; ending at 1:00 rather than 12:00. The map layout will also stay about the same and he will bring an updated version to the next meeting. He asked members to be responsible for bringing five volunteers each to the event. He also told members the event would be divided in to two shifts; Volunteers for the early shift should get to the event by 7-7:30am and second shift should get to the event by 10-10:30. There is also talk about books being collected by SCARSE this year since there will be no Book Exchange. Staff Liaison Keenan wanted to make it clear that if SCARSE takes books there would be no “exchanging” of books by dealers. People will drop off their books and that will be it; members agreed. He also told the group that paint will NOT be accepted and that there is a limit of two televisions per resident. He also told the group that there would be a sign informing people how to get in line and also that the line will close at 12:45; 15 prior to the close of the event.

B. Health & Wellness Subcommittee – NONE

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report– NONE

D. Communications Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Gregory told the group that the second revision to the webpage is moving forward and she was hopeful that the page would only need to be changed about every five months. She went on to say that she and Chairman Kreuzer met to discuss the progress and are very pleased with it so far and are thankful for all the help they have gotten from Village staff.

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that Staci Hulseberg reached out to Walgreens. They informed her that they had forwarded the project on to an individual who now is no longer employed with Walgreens; so currently the project is in limbo. Chairman Kreuzer told the group he was going to call Walgreens himself and would get back to the EC with an update when he had one.

Park District Liaison Frigo told the group that the Earth Day Event at the Boathouse would be on April 22, at 7:00pm. She asked members if they would like to help or have a table; all

members agreed that they should have a table. Many members said they would like to help and Chairman Kreuzer suggested bringing a grill and showing people how to grill vegetables.

Chairman Kreuzer said Meatless Mondays has not been forgotten and will get going again after the Green Spaces event.

8. Other Business - NONE

9. Chairman Report –

Chairman Kreuzer informed the group that he had spoken to the Board about the Aggregation program and he doesn't believe any changes will be made to the contract; which all EC members are fine with.

10. Trustee Liaison Report – NONE

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Keenan reported to the group that Trustee Liaison McGinley will be replaced as Liaison since her term on the Village Board has ended. Big Belly containers have been ordered and should arrive in a few weeks. The cans will reduce refuse pick up from five days a week to three.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on April 21, 2015.

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