

would help to encourage the Village to move forward with getting a better north/south connection from the Great Western Trail to the West Branch of the DuPage River. She went on to say she understood there are a variety of concerns regarding making the trail but she was hoping something could be worked out. She also told the Commission that she had spoken with Commissioner Van Gorp about getting a variety of groups together (such as ComEd, The Morton Arboretum, COD, DuPage County, The Village of Glen Ellyn, etc.) to discuss the topic.

Bob Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Engineer, also attended the meeting to explain the plan from the prospective of the Public Works Department and also answer any questions Commission Members had. He told the group that the Capital Improvements Commission has been interested in the plan for a while and it was put together in 2014 by two UIC Masters program students who were interning in the Village's Planning and Development Department. Bob went over the details of the plan and told the group staff thought it was well done with only a few changes to be made. He went on to say he would like to see a revised draft ready for the Village Board to review by 2016. He went over with the group some projects that would be going on in the Village that would benefit the plan such as the renovation of the Taylor Street underpass and the widening of Park Blvd. from Roosevelt Road to Fairview. Much discussion was had regarding many aspects of a bike plan such as signage from Geneva Road directing bikers best way to get to Crescent Blvd., the safety benefits of bike lanes, the economic benefit to Glen Ellyn, etc.. Members would like to see the plan shared on line so that people could view it and Bob said he didn't think this would be a problem. Chairman Kreuzer told the group that further discussion could be had at the subcommittee level where safety, signage and economic benefits could be discussed in greater detail and those findings could be shared with the group.

B. Annual Tree reservation Award -

Staff Liaison Stonitsch told the group that at the last Historical Preservation Meeting he attended they spoke about this award in respect to trying to preserve heritage trees. They also said they would like to work with the EC on this. All members thought this was a great idea and like the idea of partnering with the HPC.

6. Old Business –

A. Curbside Composting Program -

Tim Lintner, from Republic Services, called in to the meeting to discuss the curbside composting program and answer questions that Commission members had. Staff Liaison Mendoza gave the group a quick recap on the program and handed out a memo detailing next steps. One of the concerns that the Commission had was that the proposed composting program not allowing meat products. Tim told the group that currently the facility they use would accept yard waste but does not allow for meat. He told members he would research another facility that does allow meat and get back to the Village. His concern was that the facility that accepts meat is further away and it might not be cost effective for the Village but he will get back to staff with detailed numbers. Staff Liaison Mendoza told the group that currently the composting containers available are 65 and 95 gallon and members discussed needing to have a smaller option. Members also discuss starting a pilot program on a smaller scale to gauge resident interest. Tim said he would look in to the smaller 32 gallon container or an insert to convert the larger container. Much discussion was had regarding the program and Tim said he thought if all the details were ironed out the program could be ready to start in the spring when the new yard waste season begins.

B. Single-Use Bag Ordinance - Not Discussed due to time.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Committee - NONE

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee – NONE

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report–

Commissioner Umlauf told the group that she would be the person choosing the grasses that would be planted in the new Crescent round-a-bout at Glenbard West.

Park District Liaison Frigo told then group that she was contacted by the Field Museum about attending a meeting in September to talk about what Chicagoland is doing with the Monarch. She was very excited that of all the places in Chicagoland the Museum chose to reach out to Glen Ellyn. This clearly shows all their efforts have been noticed. All members thought this was great.

D. Communications Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Gregory told the group about a meeting she had with staff about incorporating more art in the Village and how to generate funds to help with possible projects. She went on to talk about trying to do something with the “dark windows” in town and she was currently researching a wall mural as her first project. She told the group that she would come to the next meeting with a more formal presentation but at least wanted to share her ideas.

8. Other Business -

Commissioner Van Gorp told the group that he met with Staff and PACE about the new bus shelter that he hoped will be located at Falwell and Briarcliff Blvd.; things are moving along.

Park District Liaison Frigo met with Kay McKeen about pumpkin recycling. She will get back to the group when she has further details.

GWA is now an official drop off site for cooking oil drop off. This is a join initiative with S.C.A.R.C.E.

9. Chairman Report –NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Senak told the group that the design team for the new Police Station had been selected, there was no update on the OPUS project and an assessment of the trees in the downtown had been done and it was suggested that the all be replaced. Members would like to keep updated on this.

11. Staff Liaison Report – NONE

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on September 15, 2015.

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