

Kreuzer told the group he would like to discuss this in greater detail, talk with staff and vote on weather to approve at a future meeting.

B. 2016 Goals and Initiatives – NONE

C. DuPage County Environmental Commission and Committee -

Commissioner Van Gorp handed out a survey he asked members to fill out, created by the group Sustain DuPage. He told the group that Sustain DuPage would be having their first symposium on March 12, at 10am to gather together all 16 environmental Commissions in DuPage County to discuss what they are working on in their community and hopefully pull ideas together. The symposium podcast will be broadcasted live and he invited all members to listen in. He also asked if a member of the EC would like to attend as a representative. Chairman Kreuzer told the group that he would attend.

6. Old Business –

A. Curbside Composting Program –

Members discussed the first draft of the letter that would be going to the Board regarding the program; they want to get this out by January or February. Chairman Kreuzer asked members if anyone would like to get together to review the letter one final time. Commissioner Umlauf and Udelhofen said they would help with this. Members discussed the fact that getting everything finalized as quickly as possible would be important to make a spring launch.

B. Environmental Commission Webpage –

Commission Udelhofen told the group that everything to complete the webpage has been sent to John Norton. When she hears more she will let the group know.

C. Environmental Commission Budgeting & Foundation Initiative -

Commissioner Gregory told the group that she and Commissioner Malone met with staff about this and it seemed likely that the Village would enter into an agreement with the DuPage Foundation. Commissioner Malone was hopeful that a “Letter of Understanding” could be signed by June between both parties. Commissioner Gregory went to tell the group that the budget for the upcoming year for the EC has not yet been approved.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Short spoke to the group about the bag ordinance and how they were revising it. He was hopeful to get it to the EC by January so it could be discussed in detail.

Chairman Kreuzer told the group he would like to discuss having only Big Bellies in the downtown district and bring this idea to the Board. All members thought this was a good idea and agree to discuss in detail at a future meeting.

Commissioner Zelasco told the group he has started planning the Recycling Extravaganza. Members have a short discussion about the event; date, location, poster, and promotion. They will discuss in greater detail at the next upcoming meetings.

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Pulver told the group the subcommittee has been talking about doing more with driveway sealants in 2016. He also told the group that he met with the league of Women Voters

about the creation of bike paths. He would like to generate some ideas about better ways to get people to bike in to town.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report–

Commissioner Umlauf gave the EC an update on what her subcommittee was doing; She told the group they were going to focus on five things; School District 87 plantings at the high school, a collaborative educational series with Park District, District 41 vegetable gardens, the EC website (adding content and continuity), and monarch work.

D. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report –

Some discussion was had about the art mural project and that a few artists are interested but budget issues need to be ironed out before an artist could be chosen. Commissioner Gregory also talked about trying to make available to the EC the fencing that would be used around the McChesney & Miller project; she believed it could be used for something.

8. Other Business - NONE

9. Chairman Report –

Julius Hansen, Village Public Works Director would like to attend a meeting to discuss a couple things such as LED lighting and downtown trees. Chairman Kreuzer asked Brendon to please have Public Works Director Hansen to email him with details about what he would like to discuss and when so the group is prepared.

10. Trustee Liaison Report – NONE

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Mendoza asked the group if they would like to take over the decoration of the pots in the downtown district. Members liked the idea of doing this and Staff Liaison Mendoza said he would get more information to the group at the next meeting.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on January 19, 2015.

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