

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental

DATE: 5/17/16

QUORUM: Yes

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:15 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Chairman Adam Kreuzer, Commissioners, Adrienne Gregory, Mike Malone, David Meehan, Thomas Pulver, Sarah Udelhofen, Jennifer Umlauf, Andrew Van Gorp, John Zelasco; GE Park District Liaison Renae Frigo, Staff Liaisons Brendon Mendoza & Al Stonitsch

EXCUSED: Student Commissioner Christina Sedal

PUBLIC PRESENT: Public Works Director Julius Hansen, Superintendent of Utilities Bob Greenberg, Senior Water Operator Ken Matuszak, Arborist Dave Colter

1. Call Meeting to Order –

Chairman Kreuzer called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in Room 301 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

2. Public Participation – NONE

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes –

There were no minutes to approve.

4. Announcements –

Chairman Kreuzer acknowledged newly appointed Commissioner, David Meehan. Chairman Kreuzer recognized Commissioner Udelhofen for her service during her appointment on the Environmental Commission as this was her last meeting as a commissioner.

Chairman Kreuzer discussed the “Those Who Excel” award that was presented to the Environmental Commission from District 41. This award was provided to the Environmental Commission in recognition of Commissioners who have volunteered with Problem Based Learning Programs at District 41.

5. New Business –

A. Glen Ellyn Water Quality update – Presentation from Public Works

Public Works Director Julius Hansen introduced Superintendent of Utilities Bob Greenberg and Senior Water Operator Ken Matuszak. Bob Greenberg and Ken Matuszak educated the group

on the procedures that are in place within the Village to regulate lead levels in the Village's water supply. Bob Greenberg also discussed the lead regulation requirements of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Bob Greenberg and Ken Matuszak ensured the group that the Village's water supply is properly tested and monitored, and that lead levels meet EPA standards. The Village's water quality reports can be found on the Village's website. Chairman Kreuzer emphasized a desire to continually make efforts to increase awareness to residents of the water quality reports, along with accessibility to water testing. The Environmental Commission stated they were comfortable with the efforts of the Public Works on the quality of safe water within the Village and thanked Bob Greenberg and Ken Matuszak for their presentation. Lastly, the commission asked that Public Works provide awareness to residents of the available reports and efforts by Public Works, in the Village's social media outlets, newsletter, and other available avenues.

B. Central Business District Parkway Tree Policy Discussion – Presentation from Public Works -

Public Works Director Julius Hansen asked the Environmental Commission to review the trees within the Central Business District ("CBD") that are included in the Village's current streetscape plan and to provide recommendations in regards to removal, replacement, and types of tree. Julius Hansen introduced Arborist Dave Colter. Dave Colter provided an overview of the forty-four (44) trees in the Central Business District. Colter stated that a majority of the CBD trees comprising of thirty-two (32) trees are Locust trees and the rest are other various types. He continued to discuss current conditions of the CBD trees. Chairman Kreuzer asked Park District Liaison Renae Frigo and Commissioner Umlauf to provide recommendations to Director Hansen. The group discussed the need to review the configuration of the trees in the CBD and to consider location and symmetry. Chairman Kreuzer thanked the Public Works Department for providing an opportunity for input on the CBD trees.

Old Business –

A. Village of Glen Ellyn Volunteer Stewardship Pilot Program at Lambert Lake – NONE

B. Strategic Plan –

Staff Liaison Stonitsch provided an update to the group on the next steps. Commissioner Gregory discussed budgeting concerns of the proposed mural project. The group discussed the best approach to request funding for the mural project and future initiatives.

C. Recycling Extravaganza Event -

Commissioner Zelasco stated that the event was well organized and very successful thanks to the Village staff, volunteers, and Commissioners. Commissioner Zelasco stated that the vendors all received a large amount of items to be recycled or repurposed. The group discussed ideas and possibilities of improvements for future years. Chairman Kreuzer recognized and thanked Commissioner Zelasco for his efforts in coordinating a successful event.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Subcommittee Report – NONE

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report – NONE

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report - NONE

D. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Gregory stated that the Environmental Commission took over the “downtown painter pots project” from the Glen Ellyn Chamber of Commerce. The project consists of thirteen (13) painter pots to be placed around the CBD after being painted. Commissioner Gregory mentioned that volunteers are encouraged to contact her to participate in painting one (1) of the thirteen (13) pots.

Commissioner Gregory provided an update on the mural project and stated that she has a presentation ready to present to the Village Board.

Commissioner Gregory stated that the Arts & Outreach Subcommittee contacted the One Art Film Festival and would like to host this event in Glen Ellyn. It consists of forty (40) judges who critique films from all over the world. March 17 – 19 is the date for the next One Art Film Festival. Commissioner Gregory stated that this event could be great opportunity for the Environmental Commission to pursue to benefit the Village.

8. Other Business - NONE

9. Chairman Report –

Chairman Kreuzer stated that he would like to continue to pursue the “Walk on my Lawn initiative” and restoration projects. Chairman Kreuzer also expressed his desire to follow other communities’ efforts to reduce mowing of Village owned properties.

10. Trustee Liaison Report –

Trustee Liaison Senak provided an update of the CBD LED lights project.

11. Staff Liaison Report –

Staff Liaison Stonitsch provided an update on Curbside Composting Pilot program, stating that 136 residents are currently enrolled in the program, exceeding the Village’s initial estimate of 75 residents.

Staff Liaison Stonitsch stated that Village Board has approved to continue with the current electrical aggregation program with ComED that is 100% green power.

Staff Liaison Mendoza stated that he has reached out to a contact at the Village of River Forest for their Healthy Lawns initiative. Staff Liaison Mendoza stated that he will attempt to have a representative of the River Forest Healthy Lawns Initiative attend the June Environmental Commission meeting.

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment –

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on June 21, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by: Administrative Intern, Brendon Mendoza

Reviewed by: Assistant Village Manager, Al Stonitsch