

MINUTES

COMMISSION: Environmental

DATE: 10/18/16

QUORUM: Yes

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:35 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:22 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT:

Chairman Adam Kreuzer;
Commissioners, Adrienne Gregory,
David Meehan, Thomas
Pulver, Jennifer Umlauf, Andrew
Van Gorp, Kathryn Meigel, John
Zelasco, Michael Malone, Assistant
Village Manager Albert Stonitsch,
Trustee Liaison Mark Senak, GE
Park District Liaison Renae Frigo

EXCUSED: Staff Liaison Brendon
Mendoza, Student Commissioner
Christina Sedal

PUBLIC PRESENT: Village
Communications Coordinator Megan
Plahm

- 1. Call Meeting to Order** – Chairman Kreuzer called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in Room 301 of the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.
- 2. Public Participation -**

Communications Coordinator, Megan Plahm discussed the Village communications efforts and the opportunity for Environmental Commission (“EC”) to get information out and what the deadlines are on the various Village communications, such as the Quarterly Newsletter mailed four times a year, which includes pertinent village news, reminders to residents, calendars, and upcoming events, weekly e-news email newsletter to subscribers only includes recent Village news, information on upcoming road closures, reminders about Village programs, calendar of events, and answers to frequently asked questions. Another avenue is the Village’s electronic sign in downtown GE that includes upcoming events, road closures, and reminders about Village programs. Lastly, social media outlets are available, such as; Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, You Tube, and soon Instagram. Megan Plahm suggests telling a story and / or pictures to share what the EC is doing in the community. Megan stated she is happy to talk through any ideas or stories the EC has.
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes -**

A. September 20, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Van Gorp and seconded by Commissioner, Meehan

4. Announcements –

Chairman Adam Kreuzer thanked everyone for coming to the EC party. He suggested that they plan to do it annually

5. New Business –

A. Joe Wark Environmental Award

The group discussed if they want to revitalize and repurpose this existing EC award. The previous recipient was in 2007, which was Karen and Thomas Pulver. They had put an addition on their home and the general contractor refused to apply for this award. Karen and Tom Pulver applied for it themselves. It would be nice to add to the architect or general contractors resume. Application is simple, there are an option of 9 items to do and only 3 have to be met to be awarded. The group stated the Architectural Review Commission might have additional input on the award. Commissioner Pulver stated he will champion this effort. Joe Wark is still with GE and he would be really honored. Commissioner Gregory will contact Joe Wark and get his input and / or a quote from Joe for the spring newsletter.

Commissioner Adrienne Gregory inquired about the Garden Award which is not EC but is an award for anyone who has done extensive landscaping. Someone can nominate another person without them knowing. This is another award the group stated that can be regenerated. Commissioner Gregory will research it.

6. Old Business

A. Coordination of PBL's

Chairman Kreuzer has not heard anything back from Forest Glen or Churchill schools regarding coordination of Problem Based Learning programs.

B. Next Residential Waste Contract

Chairman Kreuzer passed out the list Commissioner Zelasco created and Chairman Kreuzer also added notes of the EC's recommended addition to the RFP's for the Village to request of the upcoming residential waste services contract. If everyone agrees with the six (6), contract scope elements the Environmental Commission could formally recommend these for the new residential waste contract. The EC also additionally would request the decals be more permanent, weather proof, probably on the lid. Commissioner Pulver motioned that the EC approve the list as it is and forward it on to Village staff. Commissioner Zelasco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. EC Budget -

Assistant Village Manager Albert Stonitsch provided an update that there is place holder presently of \$9,000 for the EC's 2017 budget. The EC stated it is looking for more additional funding for their 2017 budget. Trustee Liaison Mark Senak said it well in the last meeting probably not everything requested will be approved. Trustee Liaison Mark

Senak stated the \$9,000 is not earmarked for anything specific. Commissioner Malone suggests that EC go for the \$9,000 as a reduction of our request and not allocate any to the DuPage Foundation Fund.

D. Stewardship Initiative - NONE

E. Cool DuPage - NONE

F. Conservation Foundation -

The group discussed joining the Conservation Foundation, and stated it is dependent on the upcoming budget.

7. Subcommittee Reports

A. Recycling Subcommittee Report – NONE

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Meigel created a yard sign to choose from for Village's version of Healthy Lawns Healthy Families. The signs are for residents and businesses that make the pledge to go pesticide free. Commissioner Meigel already met with Jeff Berg from Franklin School. Commissioner Meigel is looking for direction of the next steps, she will work on brochures, size of logos on the sign and re-present at the November EC meeting. GE Park District Liaison Frigo suggest Commissioner Meigel meet with the GE Park District to present what she is looking for from them as far as support.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report –

Commissioner Umlauf has been working with Glenbard West and is meeting with them Friday. She also would like to look into the corridor along the tracks more for aesthetic reasons. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch added that a pedestrian overpass project is being contemplated by the Village Board, this future project may lend itself to new initiatives in that corridor area. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch stated there is a joint initiative between the GE Park District, GE Library, and Village to apply for a Rotary grant (approximately \$10,000) which would include a park area story board, chess boards, and ping pong to encourage more activity at the Prairie Path Park.

D. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report -

Commissioner Gregory stated she had a summary meeting with potential donors who are interested in being a part of the DuPage Foundation. She stated funding and privacy issues are to be further reviewed by Village staff. The Film Festival initiative is on hold as they need to seek out funding. Commissioner Gregory stated that the November Village board Workshop will let the Commission know if funding will be available in the budget for the event.

8. Other Business –

Commissioner Andrew Van Gorp Civic Betterment Party is looking for candidates for local office there is (3) Trustee & (3) Library Board positions available. Elections are for 2017.

9. Chairman Report - NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report -

Trustee Liaison Senak reported on the Village's efforts to further conserve water by reducing the amount of leakage that occurs in the Village's water distribution infrastructure.

11. Staff Liaison Report - NONE

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held November 15, 2016
Meeting adjourned 9:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by: Recording Secretary Victoria Ciucci

Reviewed by: Administrative Intern, Brendon Mendoza