

5. New Business –

A. DuPage County Recycling Initiative --

Chairman Kreuzer moving away from recycling that we have historically had and possibly fold into the DuPage County electronics recycling initiative and somehow become a partner with the County, where the Village will have one of their events in Glen Ellyn on a dedicated day. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch stated Village staff has attended a meeting with the DuPage County discussing the current electronics recycling initiative. DuPage County is trying to establish a regional approach to electronics recycling. The County has had success with Lisle and Wheaton locations. For a fee, residents of DuPage County can bring their ticket and drop off their electronics at a designated facility. DuPage County is trying to not have every municipality be a drop site but enough scattered throughout the county. DuPage County is looking for partnering municipalities to participate in the initiative. DuPage County is looking for a commitment to be scheduled location for residents long-term. Chairman Kreuzer could possibly still have a smaller event and would be an opportunity to recycle other materials such as; bulbs, fluorescent bulbs, bikes and items other than electronics. Commissioner Pulver agreed to bring this into a subcommittee to look into more. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch will send over general information he has to the group. Chairman Kreuzer stated we need to let the public know as soon as possible we are not taking electronics anymore.

B. Coordination of PBL's --

Chairman Kreuzer is getting a lot of emails requests for day time participation (to sit on panels to help the kids), as well as Commissioner Meigel and Gregory. Commissioner Gregory received an email invitation to a breakfast on September 29, 2016 to discuss PBL's. Chairman Kreuzer asked if anyone and everyone can commit to one PBL participation. Chairman Kreuzer has received emails looking for the Environmental Commission to partner and spend time on PBL's and requests that everyone send him the names and emails they have received over the past 3 months, to develop a list of the PBL coordinators, he will send an email to the coordinators, looking for coordinating the efforts of the Environmental Commission.

C. Next Residential Waste Contract --

Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch reported the next residential waste contract will be coming up as the five year contract with Republic expires in Spring 2017. The Village Board will begin to put together a RFP for a new contract. In anticipation of that he would like to put a general survey to residents, including; general questions, the service level, type of service, curbside composting and provide that to the board to see if the Village needs to structure the RFP differently and services we have not looked at in the past. An aspect to consider is pay as you throw e.g. Wheaton and Highland Park. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch would like the input of the Environmental Commission for the RFP. Environmental Commission wants to continue with composting. Commissioner Umlauf will look into the wording needed or categorized. The Environmental Commission would like to see decals on what can and cannot be composted along with on the recycling containers. Commissioner Gregory suggests we could improve promotional efforts by adding knowledge, possibly adding a flyer in water bills. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch said the Environmental Commission could create the decal.

6. Old Business --

Trustee Liaison Mark Senak shared information from the September 19, 2016 Village Board Special Workshop covering variety of topics pertaining to the Environmental Commission; Cool DuPage, Lambert Lake Stewardship Initiative and Environmental Commission Budget

A. EC Budget --

Trustee Liaison Mark Senak stated the Environmental Commission budget was discussed and believes there is a fair amount of support for the DuPage Foundation initiative. His thoughts are that the EC will get receive some, but not all of the budget funding it has requested. The question the Board will ask is how will EC prioritize its funding list, and what projects can be deferred to defer to the next budget cycle.” Trustee Liaison Senak suggests it might be wise to have DuPage Foundation funded outside the EC Budget as \$8K of the \$17K requested will go to DuPage Foundation. Noting Chairman Kreuzer does oppose that idea for valid reasons but, if moved out of the EC Budget that would make the remaining \$9K perhaps more palatable for some of the trustees. \$17K is a substantial request which it includes the \$8K for DuPage Foundation. The Board generally supports the DuPage Foundation because they see the ROI Commissioner Gregory expressed concerns of the DuPage Foundation falling completely outside the EC’s auspices and, because Environmental Commission members have already put quite a bit of effort and time into the DuPage Foundation initiative. Trustee Liaison Senak does not believe funding the program outside the Commission would necessarily detach it from the Commission, and the volunteer advisory committee will dictate where funding goes and believes that will be someone from EC, a board member, a staff member, a DuPage Foundation member, & a neutral resident from DuPage foundation. Chairman Kreuzer asked Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch where he thought it would go as EC would like to be part of the 2017 budget process. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch said it will continue forward and it will be presented again in the October budget workshops. Commissioner Gregory asked short term, then if the board could fund the Environmental Commission a few thousand dollars as Environmental Commission has the event planned November 11, 2016, and mailers have to go out, need to know now if we are signing the contract for the boat house. Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch said ‘yes’ as he spoke with the Village and he is speaking with the Village Manager. The DuPage Foundation initiative is viewed as having not only a ROI but a broad appeal, it goes to capital improvements and it goes to environment improvements. People participating have array of options. Environmental is a bit more compartmentalized e.g. the mural; the conservation foundation. Chairman Kreuzer pointed out that there is a return on investment for the Village. For example the Environmental Commission is getting emails now alerting us for potential grant eligibility for the Conservation Foundation, that we were not getting before. Trustee Liaison Senak said the Village Board likes things on trial period, for example the Lambert Lake Stewardship Program. Responding to Commissioner Van Gorp question, Trustee Liaison Senak and Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch confirmed yes all the board workshops are open to the public, they continue in October, and they are all posted. The more EC comes to those the better chances EC has in persuading the board to allocate the funds Environmental Commission is looking for. Chairman Kreuzer suggested Environmental Commission have a designed person present each one of Environmental Commission line items. Chairman Kreuzer thanked Trustee Liaison Senak and Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch for their efforts at last night’s Village Board meeting.

B. Lambert Lake Stewardship Initiative --

The group was updated on the status of the Lambert Lake Stewardship Pilot Program, which the vote for the pilot project was recommended to be developed into a resolution by the Village Board, at a recent workshop. Commissioner Van Gorp discussed the pilot, and stated the ideal state date would be January 1, 2017. Commissioner Van Gorp Andrew will meet with Chris Pekarek, Golf Course Superintendent, to develop a site plan on an ecological level that is best for Lambert Lake.

C. Cool DuPage --

Joy Hinz, the Environmental Specialist from DuPage County expressed it to be desirable to participate in Cool DuPage. The Commission discussed the initiative further.

D. New LED CBD Lights and Fixtures --

The lights will be installed over the next 2 years, most likely starting downtown. There will be some up lighting in desired areas of Downtown GE to have the ability to add lumens to downtown GE. There will be a switch; there will be more than 2 LED lamps in each.

E. Conservation Foundation - NONE

7. Subcommittee Reports -

A. Recycling Subcommittee Report - NONE

B. Health, Wellness & Transportation Subcommittee Report --

Commissioner Thomas Pulver provided an update on the progress of the HWT subcommittee. Commissioner Pulver stated that past Commissioner Sarah Udelhofen finished her bike trip across the country. Commissioner Meigel provided an update on the Heathy Lawns Healthy Families initiative. Commissioner Meigel reached out to Jeff Berg at Ben Franklin addressing the grounds to see if he was interested in going completely organic and posting signs at the walkways and he said "yes". Jeff Berg need to know what to do next to get the ball rolling. Commissioner Meigel attended a co-op put together by Elmhurst Cool City Coalition which is having a free Seminar at the Glen Ellyn Library on Sept 29, 2016 and Midwest Action Pesticide will be there. Commissioner Meigel stated she will attend to learn more. Commissioner Meigel noted that colorful eye catching signs would be beneficial and thought the Commission could design the sign that is tied to GE. Commissioner Meigel suggested that symbols make it more serious e.g. Village logo, Park District, Environmental Commission logo. She will put some graphics together and will follow up in October meeting.

C. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report --

Commissioner Pulver stated he is currently doing investigative/ research work to license landscapers / lawn cutters in the Village. He is still waiting to see what to do on bicycle paths. Per Assistant Village Manager Stonitsch there are no imminent plan on bike paths as the Village is searching for a civil engineer as the current one is retiring in January.

Commissioner Umlauf discussed the Landscaping Subcommittee that discussed an outreach committee about where the mural is proposed and that the sustainable landscaping is not defined yet.

Commissioner Umlauf and Park District Liaison Frigo discussed the Garden Plot. The Park District is still willing to give this land to the commission to use as a garden. They have not heard from Hadley School, and not sure if there is still interest. They suggested each person from the Environmental Commission take duty for a week, watering etc. The land is in bad condition and needs weed control. The plot opens early May and is closed mid-October. The problem is the growing season is in the summer when school is not in session. The subcommittee recommends the EC take this as its own, decide what we want to grow, how we want to weed it, who we want to feed, and that would take a commitment. The Environmental Commission agrees they have buy in on this project. Park District Liaison Frigo will make sure it is reserved. It was also mentioned that Reserve 22 is growing its own food "Farm to Fork" and to also watch in the Fall Village Newsletter honey bees to be nurtured or raised at Links.

D. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report --

Commissioner Gregory and Umlauf will be a part of Green Apple day Sept 24 worldwide which educates on green initiatives and on healthy learning environments, a day of inquiry. Ben Franklin is registered as a site, the Environmental Commission is partnering with Ben Franklin for this 1.5 hour eye opening, educational fun event. There will be a photo to promote for next year. The Environmental Commission would like a photo to add to the website to also promote future years.

One Earth Film Festival –

Commissioner David Meehan agreed the site to be the Boat house at Lake Ellyn as the site March 4th & 5th with cost and price still to be determined. Renting of Boat house is \$30 per hour, figuring three showings a day for two days. The next step is to figure out how to pay and promote it, movie, and business sponsors to pay for the projector, screen and incidentals. Projected cost is \$350 a film, total approximately \$3000. Suggested thought by GE Park District Liaison Renae Frigo is to include in the film festival, the boat house LEED certification and educating our community on the green features of this building; could help with publicity or at the end of each film offer a tour as an education component. Chairman Adam Kreuzer suggested this as an advertising opportunity to Morton Arboretum or Conservation Foundation be involved local partnership.

Glen Ellyn Fund –

The DuPage Foundation is meeting Thursday at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center with board members of the DuPage Foundation. There are a couple of committed meetings with potential donors. The group created a custom brochure, well written on what kind of donation opportunities are available.

8. Other Business --

Glen Ellyn Park District Liaison Frigo stated the boat house sustainable landscaping is still a work in progress. One neat thing is all landscaping is irrigating by lake water. Recently 2.5 acres at Marion Knoll of turf were herbicide that will all be meadow and prairie, that is all dying off and will be maintained and planted converting almost 3 acres of mowing into habitat and rough for a frisbee golf course.

Citizen Environmental Advisory for the Park District has an in house staff committee now have a group of citizens to advise the committee Commissioner Van Gorp is supportive of the Environmental Commission having representation (8 citizens, 2 board, staff and director

superintendent) meeting 3 times a year. One topic brought up was volunteerism. Seems all are fighting for same group of volunteers; can we work together and not compete with each other.

Glen Ellyn Park District Liaison Frigo provided an update on the Pollinator signs. Of the 100 ordered approximately 50 have gone out into community. Signs are available at Spring Ave and Rec Center. Photos to be taken and placed into the Village's e-blast to better promote for next year.

9. Chairman Report - NONE

10. Trustee Liaison Report – NONE

11. Staff Liaison Report - (Advertising on Big Bellys)

12. Confirmation of Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016

Meeting adjourned: 10:05 p.m.

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