

Minutes
Regular Village Board Workshop
Glen Ellyn Village Board of Trustees
April 25, 2011

Time of Meeting: 7:03p.m.

Present: President Pfefferman; Trustees Cooper, Henninger, Hartweg, Ladesic, and Thorsell; Village Attorney Diamond; Village Clerk Connors; Trustee Comerford was excused.
Staff present: Interim Village Manager Burghard, Schrader, Hulseberg, Noller, Perrigo, Norton.

1. Call to Order

President Pfefferman called the Board Workshop to order at 7:03 p.m. with a roll call. Trustees Hartweg, Cooper, Henninger, Thorsell, and Ladesic responded "Here." Trustee Comerford was excused.

2. Tree Preservation Ordinance

President Pfefferman clarified that this evening's discussion would be for public comment after some presentations and would not result in a vote by the Village Board. He has received much input for and against what is perceived as additional restrictions of use of private property. Those who wished to address the Board were asked to complete a form that were on audience chairs and give them to the Village Clerk.

Interim Village Manager Burghard explained that the recommendation came to him from the Environmental Commission in February 2011. Planning and Development Director Staci Hulseberg expected that this was going to be only the first of more than one discussion of the topic and she only had one hour to give the highlights of the proposed ordinance. She gave a summary of the existing ordinance which was originally passed in 1998. In 2006 the Environmental Commission made further recommendations to the Village Board, and in 2007 additional tree protection on private property was enacted. In 2010, the current Village Board asked the Environmental Commission to review the tree preservation ordinance which resulted in the February 2011 recommendations. Ms. Hulseberg explained the additions and changes. She gave examples of how the new ordinance would effect homeowners and how the appeal process would work.

Environmental Commission member Adam Kreuzer spoke to outline what was being endorsed by the Environmental Commission. Some of the Commission's

recommendations are in the area of reforestation, permits for tree removal except in the case of dead or diseased trees, and fines should trees be removed in violation of the ordinance. He distributed additional information found this weekend showing an increase in storms in the Chicago area. Trees help control water run off. Education is part of the Environmental Commission's mission.

Director Hulseberg and Commissioner Kreuzer answered questions from the Village Board. President Pfefferman told those present that because the Regular Village Board meeting was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m., there was not enough time for those who wished to address the Board to do so this evening. Those who had turned in a request to speak at tonight's meeting will have the first opportunity to speak at the meeting on May 16, 2011. On May 16, they will be called to speak in the order their request was received by the Village Clerk this evening.

3. Other Items?

None.

4. Adjournment

At 8:00p.m., Trustee Ladesic moved, seconded by Trustee Hartweg to adjourn to the Regular Village Board Meeting in the Galligan Board Room. All present voted "aye." Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Suzanne R. Connors,
Village Clerk