

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 17, 2018

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: July 17, 2018
Called to Order: 7:38 p.m.
Adjourned: 9 43p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Absent
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Absent
David T. Meehan	Commissioner	Present
Brook Ryan	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

Also Present:

Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Absent
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent

Public Present:

Christy Truitt		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **July 17, 2018** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:38 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 19, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 6/19/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Zelasco

SECONDER: Commissioner Abeln

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking Garage – EC Recommendations – Trustee Enright reports that City Manager Franz would like feedback on the parking garage from the EC. The initial plan is a 4 story parking garage with no covering on the top level. The village is considering adding power systems for electric cars. Solar panels on the garage are still being considered. Commissioner Umlauf suggested solar trees. Commissioner Gregory added perhaps we can put up awnings on the top level and then the solar panels could be placed on the awnings. Trustee Enright added an architect will be giving the village a more detailed plan for the parking garage in the next few months. Commissioner Meehan added once we see the garage plans we can come up with our recommendations.
2. Future Capital Improvement Projects – EC Recommendations - Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports to Chairman Kreuzer via email that there is no plan to add the EC to the initial planning as an extra step in the process. He asks the EC if there are some general thoughts and concerns that can generally be added when initial plans are worked up.
3. Storm Drain Medallions/Scarce – Park District Liaison Frigo reports Scarce received a grant from the DuPage Foundation to use medallions on top of storm drains. Frigo adds there are only 10 drains in the parks that could use these medallions. Most of the drains in the village have it stamped directly on the drains. Frigo reports the park district may use these as needed on worn drains. We would need to get together a group of people to adhere the medallions on those drains.
4. 2019 Budget – Assistant City Manager Holmer reports via email to Chairman Kreuzer that all proposed budgets for next year need to be in place by mid-August. The \$5,000 design budget for the Tube will be revisited next month. Trustee Enright will check with the village on which budget will pay for this design.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory. Commissioner Gregory

1. The Tube – Commissioner Meehan reports that we received a template contract from CPA and Assistant City Manager Holmer is having the lawyers review it.
2. Status of Revisions to Sign Code – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports via email to Chairman Kreuzer that there is no change and amendments are in progress.
3. Glen Ellyn Fund- Commissioner Gregory reports that the fund received an anonymous donation of \$200,000 with a 50% match totaling \$300,000. We currently are at \$500,000. The board agreed to extend the matching challenge for 1 more year. Next year the match will be 25% instead of 50%. We need to get the fund to 1 million in order to pull 4% annually from it to fund various projects.
4. Scarce Funding – Park District Liaison Frigo asks the EC if they had any interest in supporting Scarce financially. Commissioner Meehan would like to revisit this at our next meeting. Frigo reports that Scarce is asking Glen Ellyn if they would supply volunteers at the electronic recycling that takes place in Wheaton every month. These volunteers would help unload electronics from cars. Commissioner Abeln will speak with the Boy scouts to see if they can volunteer monthly in Wheaton.

B. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf

1. Native Landscaping Garden Walk – Commissioner Umlauf reports that about half of those who registered showed up. We want to reach more people next year. We may want to charge a fee for this event. Commissioner Gregory added perhaps we can give away coupons and/or seedlings and plants at this event as an incentive to increase attendance. We could possibly get COD or a nearby nursery to donate the plants. Commissioner Umlauf adds we have follow-up work to do on this event.
2. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – Commissioners Umlauf reports we are still waiting to see how the village would like the EC to help with this plan. Trustee Liaison Enright suggests the EC attend a village workshop to share their ideas and plans. Commissioner Umlauf will put together a subcommittee meeting to further discuss recommendations and plans to put forth to the village at the workshop.
3. Tree Sale – Commissioner Umlauf reports that Meghan is already promoting this event. It will be in the fall newsletter. Commissioner Umlauf will check to see that this is on the website. We need to somehow inform residents that these are plants that are hard to get elsewhere. This may increase participation.

4. Environmental Commission Webpage/Videos/E-blasts – Commissioner Umlauf reports that Meghan is responsive in putting up e-blasts and promoting the EC's projects and events.

C. Health, Wellness, Transportation Subcommittee Report – John Zelasco

1. Lime Bike – Commissioner Zelasco reports that he met last Thursday with City Manager Holmer and various other people regarding Lime Bike. Lime Bike says GE is a great community for their bike program. We are trying to get other communities along the bike path to partake. Lime bike recommends 200 bikes for GE. They currently are looking to see where these bikes will be housed in the community. Over time routes would be established and then Lime Bike will determine if GE needs more or less bikes. Lime Bike retrieves and repairs all bikes. When GE is ready to commit Lime Bike can get this running in 1 week. Lime Bike is currently studying the area and will come up with a proposal for us. Once we receive the proposal we will run a test to determine where the hubs will be.

Commissioner Zelasco reports he spoke with Andrew Van Gorp and Westmont is interested in reviewing our Coal Tar Resolution.

D. Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. 2018 Cool DuPage Civic Center Building Review – City Manager Holmer reports via email that we are still trying to get in touch with Com-Ed to review the report, and we are still waiting on the HVAC system. The Construction start date has been moved back to December.
2. Recycling Decals – No Report.
3. Municipal Aggregation/Continuing 100% Green Energy – There is a meeting on July 23rd regarding pricing and the option they want to go with will be decided on.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Enright reports that the village is still discussing how to pay for all the projects. The village is considering creating a food and beverage tax of 1-1.5%. This would bring in approximately \$500,000. In addition to that we are considering throwing in a packaged liquors sales tax. This will bring in an additional \$300,000. We will vote on this next month.

VII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on August 21, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer