ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 18, 2018

Board or Commission:	Environmental	**Date:**	September 18, 2018
Meeting:	Regular	**Called to Order:**	7:33 p.m.
Quorum:	Yes	**Adjourned:**	9 52 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Present
Adrianne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present
Also Present:		
Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Present
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 18, 2018 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:33 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS – Assistant Village Manager Holmer introduces staff intern Adam Kirk to the EC board. Staff intern Kirk has been with the village since August and will be with the village for the next 2 years. He is a graduate student from NIU with a background in Public housing. The EC board welcomes Adam Kirk.

Chairman Kreuzer announces beginning January 1, 2019, Commissioner David Meehan will be the new Chairman of the EC board. Commissioner Meehan thanks Chairman Kreuzer and the EC board for the opportunity to serve.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 21, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 8/21/2018
RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried
MOVER: Commissioner Crawford
SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking Garage – EC Recommendations – Chairman Kreuzer distributes the EC's initial recommendations for the proposed parking garage construction behind the civic center. Chairman Kreuzer states this is a guidebook of preliminary recommendations to consider regarding the following topics: site design, construction materials, energy/user systems and landscaping/art. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds that we are still early in the process with respect to size and the impacts it will have on the church and pedestrian and vehicular access to Main Street. We are still exploring many options. He adds that this garage would be used for commuter & customer parking, COD and the central businesses employees as well. We are trying to address some of these needs. Trustee Enright adds that most of the businesses want this garage and they want it funded through the food and beverage tax. Chairman Kreuzer asks the EC if they have any additional comments regarding this project. Commissioner Gregory adds the Oak Park garage report has some great ideas regarding solar panels (see attached report). Commissioner Zelasco adds we need to be able to clear off solar panels and get equipment up there to do that. He adds perhaps we can offer guidance systems for patrons, as well as car sharing/carpooling and bike parking considerations. Commissioner Zelasco adds we would like to use construction materials that are environmentally friendly. We also need to address storm water management practices. Commissioner Abeln adds with respect to solar if we had a solar canopy we would also provide some covered parking on the top level. Chairman Kreuzer asks Commissioner Abeln to look into some grants to help fund the solar piece of this project. He asks the EC to drill down further on this project and come up with some more recommendations for our next meeting.

2. 2019 Budget – Assistant Village Manager Holmer asks the EC board if they still need their 2019 budget to be $8,500 now that the GE Fund will be receiving their own budget of $8,500. Chairman Kreuzer responds that perhaps we could go down to $5,000-$5,500 for our 2019 EC budget. This would still allow us to enter

into some additional design phases for next year and take part in other projects where it makes sense for us to take part in. He adds that in the past when we were getting close to our budget we were notified. Chairman Kreuzer requests that we get reminded once we have come close to spending our budget next year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report, Adrianne Gregory*. Commissioner Gregory reports that she had a meeting with Josh at the Glen Ellyn Library and they would like us to give them 7 book recommendations for the EC book shelf. Also, COD would like to collaborate with the EC to be a part of the film festival all year. Chairman Kreuzer asks Commissioner Gregory to put the film festival and the library initiative in a memo so we can vote on this at the next EC meeting.

1. The Tube – Commissioner Meehan reports that the village has approved the CPA contract. We can now start looking at the art and artists for this project. The art process will be public and transparent. I will report back once I hear back from CPA on how we are going to proceed. Commissioner Gregory adds we would like some real input with respect to the landscaping of the Tube project. Commissioner Umlauf adds maintenance of the landscaping also needs to be addressed. Chairman Kreuzer adds that Engineer Daubert said we need to replace the landscaping but this will not be completed until next spring. Trustee Enright asks the EC to put some thoughts and ideas together regarding the landscaping. Chairman Kreuzer asks Commissioners Gregory and Umlauf for a firm submission on a landscaping time table, budget and plant selection for our next EC meeting.

2. Status of Revisions to Sign Code – No report.

3. Scarce - Commissioner Gregory reports that the funding request for Scarce has been approved. We will have a separate line item of $200.00 for Scarce each year.

B. *Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report* – Jennifer Umlauf

1. Webpage/Videos/E-blasts – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she is meeting with Christie Pruitt to get advice and discuss the EC webpage. Chairman Kreuzer adds it would be nice if the EC had their own website to inform our residents of our efforts and initiatives. Commissioner Meehan adds that our webpage would be aligned with the Village.

2. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she would like to take part in a workshop to get the village's buy in on this plan. Assistant Village Manager Holmer requests that Commissioner Umlauf set up a meeting with him next week to discuss this plan so he has a thorough understanding before going to a workshop.

3. Tree Sale – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that there were 25 orders for 90 trees & shrubs. This is good for a first year sale. She asks if 2 members of the EC could volunteer on Sept 29 and help load trees into cars.

C. *Health, Wellness, Transportation Subcommittee Report* – John Zelasco
   1. Lime Bike – Commissioner Zelasco states there is no report but will continue to follow up.

   2. Coal Tar – No report.

D. *Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report*, Jeff Abeln
   1. 2018 Cool DuPage Civic Center Building Review – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that demolition will be wrapped up next week and construction will start in December. The board approved the replacement of the boiler system.

   2. Recycling Decals – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that Groot has the sticker but they are not thrilled about doing it. Chairman Kreuzer adds that Groot agreed to do this when the contract was negotiated. He asks the EC to come up with some ideas for the decal and get them to Commissioner Zelasco within 7 days. He asks Commissioner Zelasco to put together some suggested modifications and get it to Assistant Village Manager Holmer in the next 2 weeks.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Enright reports that on Monday the village will have their final vote on the Food and Beverage tax. Neon lights will no longer be allowed in the downtown businesses, only neon open signs will be allowed. We had a workshop last night and it was decided that the cases downtown that realtors put info in will now have to be petitioned for. Those that are in there now will be grandfathered in. But new ones will have to petition.

VII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that next year the park district will celebrate 100 years. We will be planting 100 trees. Ackerman parking lot is almost finished. New signs are going up around Lake Ellyn.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on October 16, 2018.
B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer