

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

October 16, 2018

Board or Environmental
Commission:
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: October 16, 2018
Called to 7:37 p.m.
Order:
Adjourned: 9 56 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Absent
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Present remotely
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	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **October 16, 2018** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:37 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Student Intern Blatchford reports that the high school is willing to volunteer at any of the EC events. Please let him know when there is a need for volunteers.

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 Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parking Garage – EC Recommendations – Chairman Kreuzer reports that he has received top 10 recommendations from the EC board. Final recommendations are due by the end of the month. He will submit the recommendations. He adds that there are 2 teams being interviewed for green options. A small village committee is going to be formed to review these issues. He will ask Bill Holmer if the EC can be invited to the review.
2. 2019 Budget – Chairman Kreuzer reports that he found out today that the EC budget will be \$2,000 and the Glen Ellyn Fund budget will be \$7,000-\$8000. Commissioner Malone states he would like to push back on this budget. We need rationales on both budgets. It is hard for volunteers to do work with those budgets. We want volunteers to be encouraged, engaged, empowered and enabled. A low budget like this does not do that. Chairman Kreuzer adds we are disappointed in this budget. A budget of \$4,500 for the EC would be more in line. Commissioner Umlauf asks if the recycling extravaganza is part of this \$2,000 budget or is it going to be moved to the village's budget. Commissioner Malone moves that the EC, through our current Chairman, communicate with the village staff and Trustee Liaison to express our sediment about our budget and would ask to be on the public docket to express our concern with this budget. Commissioner Meehan seconded the motion. Commissioner Gregory adds we need to explain to the village what we've done and who we've partnered with. (i.e. COD film festival, Garden Walk, Scarce, Conservation Foundation). Commissioner Malone adds you need to commit to an event for 5 years in order to build an audience. These events need sustaining support. The \$2,000 budget does not promote sustainability. Chairman Kreuzer will follow up with the village.
3. Contractor Seminar to Address Volcano Mulching and other best Green Practices – Chairman Kreuzer reports that we would like to have a seminar for landscaping contractors in this area to educate them about volcano mulching as well as other green practices. The carrot for this would be a certificate or decal that would be given to the contractors who adhere to the seminar guidelines. This could be a precursor to an ordinance or perhaps licensing by the village. Village licensing

could be a revenue generator for the village and these preferred landscaping contractors could be put on a list of green approved vendors for residents to use. We would also like to offer this seminar to homeowners so they are informed. Park District Liaison Frigo adds the Conservation Foundation would do a seminar about Green Friendly landscaping for us. Chairman Kreuzer adds that he will work on the letter and a date to send out to the contractors. Ideally we would like to hold this seminar in winter or early spring. Kreuzer adds we will follow up next month on a residential seminar on green landscaping practices

4. Sustainable Landscaping Improvements/Grants for Taylor Street Pedestrian Project – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she contacted COD to see if they would like to participate and grow the plants. They are interested and Umlauf will follow up with them on our needs. We now have a plant source and a design source. Commissioner Zelasco reports that DuPage County has a grant available that will cover 25% of the project where storm water is effected. Chairman Kreuzer suggests scheduling a meeting with Rich Daubert, COD and the Landscaping design architect. He will send an email to Rich Daubert.
5. Greenest Region Compact/Solar Panels for Library – Chairman Kreuzer spoke with Dawn Bussey from the Library and they would like to proceed with solar panels. He adds if we join the Greenest Region Compact they can help us reach our goals with solar. Many communities are on board with the GRC. We have until November 1st to be a part of the GRC. So we need to move quickly on this. Chairman Kreuzer adds that he sent an email to Bill Holmer 2 weeks ago for help with this initiative. Staff Intern Kirk added that he has been working on this. Chairman Kreuzer will continue to pursue this with Staff Intern Kirk to make this happen.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory.

1. The Tube – Commissioner Meehan reports that we have reviewed 3 artists' portfolios and were very impressed with what we saw. CPAG has asked us to consider using all 3 artists. They would work as a team. Commissioner Meehan doesn't see any problem with working with all 3. Meehan adds that CPAG needs to finalize the contract. Some of the provisions that need to be added are: who owns the artwork, what are their rights and who can do what to the artwork (i.e.: maintenance, changing and destroying). The village would own the artwork. CPAG would also like to add a placard with the artist name and date on it and put that on the Tube. The contract will be wrapped up this week. Lastly we would like to get community involvement with charrettes; at least one by the end of the year. Chairman Kreuzer adds he would like to get funding for this maybe through the Glen Ellyn Fund. Staff Intern Kirk will follow up on the village funding for the art of the tunnel.
2. Status of Revisions to Sign Code – Chairman Kreuzer reports that he has not heard anything on this and has reached out to Trustee Enright and he is looking

into this.

3. Glen Ellyn Fund - Commissioner Gregory reports that there are 2 events coming up. The first is a Multi-Generational Family dinner with about 20 families invited. The second event will be a Publicity Awareness event at the tree lighting ceremony. Commissioner Malone adds these are examples of mass and targeted marketing.

B. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf

1. Webpage/Videos/E-blasts – Commissioner Umlauf reports that we have an EC marketing volunteer that will be filling out an application for the EC so she will be ready to go in January.
2. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution– Commissioner Umlauf motions to adopt the following resolution:

Consistent with the EC's 2017 and 18 Strategic Plans, the Commission resolves to conduct a study of the GE tree canopy (aka Urban Forest) on behalf of and with the support of Village Management. The study will use existing studies published by the Morton Arboretum and the Chicago Regional Trees Initiative. In addition to Village management, the study will invite input and support from the Morton Arboretum, the Department of Public Works, the Glen Ellyn Park District, DuPage County and the village's residents. During the course of the study, information will be shared with Village Management so as to allow for discussion about possible best practices that may guide the village and its residents to preserve and improve Glen Ellyn's reassured Urban Forest. Ultimately, the goal of the study is to prepare recommendations to Village Management and hopefully, the Village Board of Trustees for the development and implementation of a village sponsored Urban Forest Preservation and Improvement Plan.

Commissioner Gregory seconded the motion. Commissioner Umlauf and Chairman Kreuzer signed the resolution. The resolution was turned in to Staff Intern Adam Kirk. A copy of the resolution will be emailed to Assistant Village Manager Bill Holmer.

MOVE TO ADOPT TREE PRESERVATION & IMPROVEMENT PLAN RESOLUTION

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Gregory

- 3 Scarce Composting Event – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she, Ed and John attend a field trip to a composting facility. It was a very inspiring tour. They encourage municipalities to use compost in their towns. Perhaps we can think

about offering compost at our Recycling Extravaganza.

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

1. Lime Bike – Commissioner Zelasco states there is no report. He spoke with COD and for now they are tabling this.
2. Mooring Signs – Chairman Kreuzer reports that the county is still working on a procedure as to whether signs will be allowed on the Prairie Path. They will let us know when they finalize the procedure.

D. Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. Recycling Decals – Chairman Kreuzer reports that the Groot recycling decal has been tweaked with more information (see attached handout of revised decal) He heard from Bill Holmer that Groot went ahead and printed and ordered their own decals without consulting us for our recommendations.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VII. Staff Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that the tree sale went well. All the plants looked great. Thank you to Adam Kreuzer and Adrianne Gregory for volunteering at the sale. This will be an annual event.

Garden Walk – Tomorrow is a county wide symposium to learn about better landscaping. Frigo will be representing the Park District and the Environmental Advisory committee at the symposium. It would be great if we can continue our garden walk and make it bigger and better and partner with the Conservation Foundation. The EC supports continuing the Garden Walk and will partner with the Park District and Conservation Foundation.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on November 20, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer