

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 20, 2018

Board or Environmental
Commission:
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: November 20, 2018
Called to 7:00 p.m.
Order:
Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Absent
David Meehan	Commissioner	Absent
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
Diane McGinley	Village President	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **November 20, 2018** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:00 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM October 16, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 10/16/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner

SECONDER: Commissioner

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Greener Glen Ellyn – Chairman Kreuzer asks the EC what can we do to promote a greener Glen Ellyn and how can we network better? Park District Liaison Frigo adds that the park district has discussed more outreach. We could invite the Chamber or different entities to see what they are doing. It would be an informational session and we could offer this once a year. It's a way to start conversations which could lead to greener practices and cost savings. Commissioner Gregory adds perhaps we can gather church leaders in GE alone to share ideas with one another and see what they are doing. We could start on a smaller scale. The next time we could gather all the restaurants in GE to share their green ideas. Village President McGinley adds we are updating our software on our cable channel and we will be offering infomercials. You can add your initiatives on this channel. Social media is another avenue that you can take. Meghan will add the info up for you on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook. These are planned out two weeks in advance. Chairman Kreuzer suggests the EC have a weekly or monthly presence with Meghan. She has been invited to attend our December meeting.
2. Contractor Seminar to Address Volcano Mulching and other best Green Practices – Chairman Kreuzer suggests the EC may want to put this into a subcommittee and sit down with the planning commission to get a commitment from them. Julius and Rich Daubert will be at our December meeting to help with the transition on this. We will revisit this again in December.
3. Sustainable Landscaping Improvements/Grants for Taylor Street Pedestrian Project – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she met with Amanda Arnold, Rich Daubert and Julius to discuss landscaping ideas. Rich is to meet with the railroad contact to see if they will swap out sod for the landscaping. We are waiting to hear back from Rich but we are optimistic this will get approved. Rich is also going to ask the contractor for pricing.
4. EC Strategic Plan: Chairman Kreuzer states this should be implemented by January/February 2019. The EC should start thinking about this.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory.

1. The Tube – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that Greg is still reviewing the contract. The GE Fund may be able to release some funds for the art phase.
2. Status of Revisions to Sign Code – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the revisions to the sign code were passed at the last board meeting. He adds that if a business is advertised in a mural, there is still a process that they will need to go through in order for this to be accepted.
3. One Earth Film Festival - Commissioner Gregory reports that she is working on selecting films for the Film Festival. The general theme will be Human & Environmental Health. Some of the films that are being considered are about Round Up and Teflon. We hope to have the films selected by December 1st.

B. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution– Commissioner Umlauf reports that the EC submitted the resolution to management. She and Commissioner Crawford have divided up the work. Commissioner Umlauf will be taking the overview of research from the Arboretum and applying it to GE specifically. Commissioner Crawford will be looking at what codes are in place elsewhere and will also be looking at existing codes. We are taking a higher level approach first. Trustee Enright adds that the village arborist has a lot of information and would be a good resource.

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

1. Parking Garage – Chairman Kreuzer submitted the EC's list of recommendations in a final format. Trustee Enright has it and adds many items that were on the list have been brought up by the engineers. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds that they met with the design team and gave them the EC's recommendation list along with residents' concerns and there will be a meeting coming up in 2 weeks to further discuss. Commissioner Zelasco adds he will follow up with this project.

D. Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. Recycling Decals – Assistant Village Manager Holmer is still waiting on the approval.

2. K-Cups: Student Intern Blatchford reports that boxes have been set up at various organizations for K-Cup recycling. He asks if a box can be put at the civic center. We are still working out some of the details with respect to the recycling. We want to make sure we have the funds to send these out. There are some companies that are free and some charge to recycle. Commissioner Zelasco adds that the K-Cups will need to be cleaned out prior to recycling. Perhaps you can encourage the residents to clean them out first.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright reports that the 2019 Budget passed. The Main Street parking lot was sold for \$1 to the developer of the Giesche project. There is a meeting December 6th with the planning commission to discuss the project. The project is to start in late spring.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that the park district's initiatives will be posted on the website.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on December 18, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer