

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 18, 2018

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: December 18, 2018
Called to Order: 7:29 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:25 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

David Meehan	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Ed Crawford	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Absent
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **December 18, 2018** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:29 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 20, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 11/20/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Crawford

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transition to Environmental Commission's New Chair, Dave Meehan - Chairman Meehan asks the EC if moving the meetings in 2019 from 7:30 to 7:00 pm would work for everyone. The EC agrees to the new meeting time of 7:00 pm. Chairman Meehan asks Assistant Village Manager Holmer how long it will take to get a new commissioner (Christy Pruett) approved for next year. He adds he sent in an application with his recommendations but has not heard anything yet. Assistant Village Manager Holmer says it should not take very long, but he will look into it.
2. 2019 Environmental Commission Strategic Plan – Chairman Meehan would like to move this item to next month's agenda.
3. Enviro-News Spring Newsletter – Commissioner Umlauf asks the EC to gather articles and give them to her and she will forward them on to Meghan. The deadline for article submission is Mid-February. Commissioner Gregory adds that last year we had some unpublished articles; perhaps some of those are still relevant. Commissioner Umlauf will meet with Meghan to finalize how many pages we get in Enviro-News so we can decide on how many articles to submit to her.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Arts & Outreach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory.* Commissioner Gregory reports that with all the work the Arts and Outreach subcommittee has done to bring more art to the community through various projects that are ongoing, she asks the EC if they can put a moratorium on the Arts and Outreach subcommittee. Chairman Meehan adds that subcommittees serve a purpose and would hope they can continue to generate ideas. He is fine approaching subcommittees in a less formal approach. He understands the current process weighs the committee chairs down. He adds we can discuss further and come up with plans for 2019 with respect to the subcommittees. He will email his proposals for assigning commissioners to various projects. The vision for this will be put together for our next meeting.
1. The Tube – Chairman Meehan reports that the artists have been picked. We received a revised contract. We are just waiting to get the greenlight on this revised contract from the village attorney so we can move forward and begin

scheduling workshops.

2. Environmental Commission Library Partnership – Commissioner Gregory reports that 2 films have been donated to the library.
3. One Earth Film Festival - Commissioner Gregory reports that all the films have been selected and the festival will have the same format as last year.
4. Dark Windows – Commissioner Gregory reports that Bombay Joe’s has already been turned into a restaurant. COD has done a great job with the Geische building. There is a vacant store front on Pennsylvania, so we will probably put something in there.

B. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution– Commissioner Umlauf reports that she has a meeting scheduled with Lydia at the Arboretum to discuss trees. She will be a great resource.
2. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping - Engineer Daubert gave a Construction Project Update presentation on the Taylor Ave/Pedestrian tunnel (see attached report). He adds the project is still on track for substantial completion for 12/31/18. There are some items of this project that will be completed in the spring. Those items include: parkway restoration with sod, staining of concrete headwalls and any punch list items that come up.

Commissioner Umlauf worked with Landscaping Architect Amanda Arnold to come up with low maintenance plants. The next step is to finalize the plant list and get quotes for the landscaping. Engineer Daubert adds we will see where the pricing comes in and we will then need to get approval. We also need to see who will handle the maintenance of this. Commissioner Umlauf adds the first 2 years is where there is a considerable amount of maintenance needed. The plants will need to be watered 3 times a week in the summer and weeding needs to happen twice a month. If this landscaping project doesn’t get approved we would go back to the sod.

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

1. Parking Garage – Commissioner Zelasco attended a meeting for the parking garage and reports that a lot of the EC recommendations are being considered. There is a power point presentation that we can share with the commission. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds there are some decisions that need to be made with respect to the infrastructure. There is a schedule of meetings coming up for significant feedback on this project.

2. Contractor & Resident Seminars/licensing of Landscaping Contractors – Chairman Meehan asks to move this to next month's agenda.
3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that this is scheduled for April 20th. He is working on getting a location set for this event. He is also looking into vendors and possibly offering electronic recycling for smaller electronics. Chairman Meehan adds last year everyone was asking about recycling large electronics. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds if we do decide to offer electronic recycling we will need to find a different location. Glenbard South would be a great location. Commissioner Umlauf adds COD could also be a good location. Commissioner Zelasco adds by the end of February all plans need to be solidified. He will continue to work on this

D. Recycling and Energy Sustainability Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. Recycling Decals – no update.
2. K-Cups – No update
3. Greenest Region Compact – Commissioner Abeln reports that Edith from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus would like to talk with the EC for 30 minutes. She would like GE to join the Greenest Region Compact. This would help GE further our cause. They give ideas and instruction on how to be a greener community and can act on our behalf. Commissioner Abeln will set up a date and time for Edith to come in and present to the EC.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright thanks Dave Meehan for taking over the Chairman role. He reports Giesche project is waiting to come through and has been moved to January. The height of the building is an issue. There will be 2 Planning Commission meetings coming up to discuss this project - January 7th and January 10.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the civic center renovation project is underway.

VIII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo asks if anyone on the EC would like to sit on the Park District's Environmental Advisory board and take Adam Kreuzer's spot. Trustee Enright offers to do it.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on January 15, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer