

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 15, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: January 15, 2019
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:57 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	Present
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

PUBLIC

Kenneth Kloss	350 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ellyn	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Glen Ellyn resident Kenneth Kloss, a retired architect, is concerned with the new Apex project. He adds that this project had no architectural review. He is concerned with the height of the building which would block sunshine and he is also concerned with the building not being set back enough which could

pose a safety issue for children. He adds this exact design was shown to the Village of Park Ridge and they shelved the project. He is asking the EC to explore this project from an environmental standpoint.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 18, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 12/18/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Crawford

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Meehan announces that Commissioner Crawford will be leaving the EC due to moving to Wayne, Illinois. Tonight will be his last meeting. He thanks Commissioner Crawford for his service and wishes him all the best. Chairman Meehan welcomes EC's new Commissioner Christie Truitt. Commissioner Truitt is an 18 year Glen Ellyn resident with a technology background. Commissioner Truitt is looking forward to working on the Environmental Commission.
2. Chairman Meehan informs the EC board that he has changed the agenda structure for 2019 to include the following categories: Advisory/Development, Education, Sustainability and Outreach. There will be some items that will be ongoing agenda items to work towards.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. Parking Garage – No update
2. CBD Streetscape – No Update
3. Dark Windows – Commissioner Gregory reports that Bombay Joe's has already been turned into a steak restaurant and is open for business. There are still some properties that need to be addressed; one in particular is Katie's Boutique. Commissioner Gregory will email Staff Intern Kirk a list of those properties that need to be addressed.
4. The Tube – Chairman Meehan reports that he and Commissioner Gregory spoke with CPA and now that funding has been approved we can start scheduling

workshops. CPA will contact the artists and set up when they can meet with us. We currently are brainstorming on how to get the community involved. He asks the EC to think about whom else within the community we would like to get involved.

5. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – Commissioner Umlauf reports that the landscaping project is currently in the bidding process.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – No update
2. Licensing of Landscaping Contractors – No update
3. Recycling Decals – Groot currently has the decals. Chairman Meehan asks Staff Intern Kirk to contact Groot to see if we can get the decals. Perhaps we can pass them out at the Recycling Extravaganza. Chairman Meehan asks Commissioner Abeln to follow up with Staff Intern Kirk on this.
4. Environmental Commission Library Partnership – No update.
5. EC “Green Partner” Awards for individuals or businesses – No update.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution– Commissioner Umlauf reports that GE has a good variety of trees within the community and we still want to encourage residents to plant trees. Commissioner Crawford distributed a map from the Arboretum which shows how the tree canopy has changed over the years. He adds COD, the Forest Preserve, Park District and Arboretum are all great partners for this initiative. Chairman Meehan asks the EC to think about if anyone else would be interested in working on this project now that Commissioner Crawford will be leaving. Commissioner Umlauf will set up a meeting with Commissioner Crawford to gather information on where he is on this project.
2. Greener Glen Ellyn – Chairman Meehan reports that Edith from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will come to the EC’s meeting next month to provide information on the Greenest Region Compact.
3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that he is still trying to pin down a location on this event. He received information from Assistant City Manager Holmer on a possible location change to COD but Commissioner Zelasco is not comfortable with a location change and prefers to keep the location the same as it has been over the past 10 years. He will speak with Holmer to see if we can keep the location the same. Trustee Enright also will speak with Holmer to see if the location can remain the same. Commissioner Zelasco will work with

Staff Liaison Kirk to get the rest of the items taken care of for this event. April 27th is the scheduled date for the Recycling Extravaganza.

4. K-Cups – Student Intern Blatchford reports that he is keeping the drop off locations to 4. He is currently looking to raise money to ship the k-cups back. He is looking to start a Go-Fund Me campaign to do this. Upon graduating, Blatchford is hopeful this project will continue at Glenbard West. Commissioner Zelasco adds we could put the information on recycling k-cups in the newsletter or in an E-blast to inform residents on how they can recycle the k-cups.
5. CS2 Program and Solar Panels for Library – No update.

D. Outreach

1. EC Webpage/Videos/E-Blasts - No update.
2. One Earth Film Festival - Commissioner Gregory reports that all the films have been selected and we are currently looking for content specialists for after movie discussions. The event kicks off on March 3rd and 4th. We would like to get as much community involvement as we can. We currently are on track to making this an annual event.
3. Enviro-News Spring Newsletter – Commissioner Umlauf asks the EC to submit articles to her by February 1st. The newsletter goes to print on February 15th. We already have the following articles: Recycling Extravaganza-Commissioner Zelasco, One Earth Film Festival & Volcano Mulching– Commissioner Gregory, DuPage River Sweep/Earth Day – Park District Liaison Frigo, Trees – Adam Kreuzer and K-Cups – Commissioner Zelasco & Student Intern Blatchford.
4. Morton Arboretum Partnerships – No Report
5. Glen Ellyn Fund – Commissioner Malone asks to have the Glen Ellyn Fund an ongoing agenda item and will have more information to discuss at next month's EC meeting.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright reports that Dave Meehan was approved at last night's board meeting to take on Chairman Role for the EC as well as Christie Truitt's Commissioner Approval. The parking garage project is moving forward. There are many designs and ideas out there for this project. There is much contention with the Apex project. The real issue is size and it overpowering the downtown area. He asks the EC to give him some feedback on the project. The EC can come and speak at the public comment during the workshop on January 22nd. The board will vote on this project on January 28th. The planning commission has already approved this project.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Student Intern Kirk reports that Assistant Village Manager Holmer would like to approve the Tunnel landscaping article before it is published.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on February 19, 2019.
- B. Commissioner Malone moves and Commissioner Zelasco seconds to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer