

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 19, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: March 19, 2019
Called to Order: 7:08 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:16 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

David Meehan	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Noreen Lakhani	Commissioner	Absent
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Absent
Christie Truitt	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	Present
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

PUBLIC

Jeff Gahris	DuPage Clean Energy Coalition	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **March 19, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:08 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Jeff Gahris from the DuPage Clean Energy Coalition presents to the EC the purpose of this coalition. This is a coalition that works with various contractors that would work with multiple homeowners in order to bring solar energy costs down. These contractors would handle 50+ installations which in turn

would bring the instillation costs down. Gehris has reached out to residents of Glen Ellyn and has received feedback that the residents are interested in a program like this. He adds if residents sign up for this program, the instillation discounts would apply. The more residents that sign up, the bigger the discount. In addition to instillation discounts, there is also a 30% federal tax credit for solar energy. Gehris is asking the EC if they would be a sponsor of this program. Trustee Enright asks if they are looking for GE to advertise and promote this. Gehris said yes and put it in the GE newsletter and/or website. Gehris is also asking the EC to provide education on this program. He would like GE to offer a location where our group and the contractor can come in and answer questions for your residents. Chairman Meehan asks what your timeline is for this. Gehris states a late spring/early summer timeline because contracts are to be signed in September. Chairman Meehan adds he believes this is something the EC should back and educate our residents on.

Commissioner Truitt motions to promote the education of solar energy and Commissioner Zelasco seconds the motion.

MOVE TO PROMOTE THE EDUCATION OF SOLAR ENERGY

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Truitt

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM February 19, 2019 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 2/19/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Zelasco

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. Parking Garage – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that last night the final design for the parking garage was approved. There are still some items that are being worked on such as garage enclosures. The last of the tenants of the

home that was purchased on Main Street will be out soon. The budget still needs to be put together. There will be another meeting on this in April. The parking garage will be a 5 story structure. The first floor will be below grade, the other 4 floors above grade.

2. CBD Streetscape – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that parking in the downtown area is a big discussion surrounding this project. The question is should the parking be parallel, 30 degree angled or 45 degree angled parking. The project needs to include 17 handicapped spaces in order to be ADA compliant. The Village and residents do not want to lose parking spaces. Federal funding plays a part in this project as well, we need to get IDOT's approval in order to receive the funding. Commissioner Zelasco adds that there are also grants available out there for Storm Water management. Assistant Village Manager adds trees are also a topic of discussion with this project. The discussion is whether the trees should all be removed and should we start over and plant all new trees. Trustee Enright adds many of the current trees we have are coming close to the end of their natural life. Commissioner Umlauf asks if the EC can be involved in this and weigh in on what the village will do with the trees. The EC can support the Village's decision. Meehan asks Assistant Village Manager Holmer if we can get a member of the EC to attend the Comprehensive plan and who do we talk to about that. Assistant Village Manager Homer will look into it and let the EC know.
3. New Development Projects – Chairman Meehan thanks the EC for their work on the recommendations for the Apex project. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds that the list of recommendations have been given to the developer. He adds that going forward perhaps the EC can come up with a checklist that we can give to future developers. Chairman Meehan adds perhaps we can also come up with a 1 page list that would be a tool for the Village to use when considering new projects. This list would include items to consider from an Environmental standpoint. Chairman Meehan states we will start working on these checklists. Chairman Meehan would like to have someone from the EC looking into new projects that the Village is working on (checking the website for new projects etc.). He asks the EC to think about who would like to do this.
4. The Tube – Commissioner Gregory reports that April 10th will be the first design charrette with the artist and art students/teachers from Hadley and Glenbard West. We are trying to get a location for this charrette. It may be at the Historical Society. There is a \$100 fee to have it there. Assistant Village Manager Holmer asks Gregory to look into this fee. We shouldn't have to pay this fee. He also asks if there is going to be a charrette for the public to take part in. Chairman Meehan asks Gregory to check with CPAG to see if they can offer another meeting for the public to take part in a charrette before the design phase is decided upon. Commissioner Gregory will talk with CPAG about this.
5. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – No update.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – No update
2. Garden Walk– Commissioner Umlauf reports that the Garden Walk is scheduled for June 22 and a rain date of June 23rd. This year we will be charging a \$10 nonrefundable fee. We have 2 gardens set so far. We are still looking for one more and we are looking for some public spaces to feature in this walk as well. Commissioner Truitt adds how about ending the garden walk with Village Green.
3. Environmental Commission Library Partnership – Commissioner Gregory reports that this year she would like to purchase 3 films for the library totaling \$75. These films will be displayed on the EC shelf. Commissioner Gregory moves to purchase 3 films that were in the 2019 film festival at a total cost of \$75. Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion.

MOVE TO PURCHASE 3 FILMS FOR THE GE LIBRARY

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Gregory

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan Resolution–Commissioner Umlauf reports that we are currently researching this.
2. Greenest Region Compact - Commissioner Abeln reports that at the last month's EC meeting Edith Makra, from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, asked the EC to pass a resolution to be a part of the Greenest Region Compact. Abeln adds being a part of the GRC will allow us to use their research as a guideline for sustainability. Chairman Meehan adds this could also give Glen Ellyn a branding opportunity. Commissioner Abeln motions to recommend to the Village Board to endorse the Greenest Region Compact. Commissioner Zelasco seconds the motion.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ENDORSE THE GREENEST REGION COMPACT

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Abeln

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that all vendors have been contacted and lined up for that day. He is waiting to get 20-30 posters to hang up around town. He wants to get the word out on the location change. He adds that we have about 20 volunteers. We also have some students from Glenbard West and Boy Scouts volunteering at the event. The college of DuPage Environmental Club may also be interested in volunteering. Commissioner Zelasco adds he will have volunteer assignments set prior to the event and will continue to work with Staff Intern Kirk on getting everything else finalized. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds that a sign will be put up at the old location stating where the new location is. Commissioner Zelasco asks the EC to get there at 8:00am to help set up. The event starts at 9:00am on April 27th.

D. Outreach

1. One Earth Film Festival - Commissioner Gregory reports that the film festival was a success. Both evenings were sold out. It was great to have a naturalist there to facilitate discussions. This film festival was part of a 3 year grant that COD received funding for. This was the 3rd year of the grant. We will be meeting to discuss if there are plans to continue this film festival in the future.
2. Village Website Redesign – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the village is redesigning and launching a new website. It will come out in May. The EC webpage cannot be pulled over from a design standpoint. Only the text content will be pulled over. Commissioner Truitt offers to work with Staff Intern Kirk on what content to pull over. She will also touch base with Meghan on what the framework will look like.
3. College of DuPage Environmental Club - Rose Arnold, President of the Student Environmental Club at COD, will be coming to the next EC meeting. The Environmental Club may be interested in volunteering.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright reports that the Civic Center is moving along and most of the work will be done by April 25th. Innovation DuPage will be moving in. The Village lost the Five Corners Gas Station lawsuit.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – See above.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on April 16, 2019.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer