

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 16, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: April 16, 2019
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:17 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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David D'Hooge	Lambert Lake Steward	
Patrick Herr	Student	
Roquelle Blenhinger	Student	
Mia Browder	Student	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **April 16, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:05 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – David D'Hooge, Lambert Lake Steward, asks the EC for its help in promoting the upcoming cleanups which will take place on June 15th, Aug 31st and October 26th from 9:00-12:00. He is asking the EC to have these events publicized in the Glen Ellyn Newsletter and well as through Glen Ellyn's email

publications. Chairman Meehan asks D’Hooge to send an email to him with all the information he would like to appear in the publications. D’Hooge asks the EC for help in directing him and his Com-Ed volunteers to a 501-C3 vendor to assist in volunteering directed efforts. Commissioner Malone suggests getting in touch with Andrew Van Gorp from Sustain DuPage to assist with these efforts. The EC thanks D’Hooge for all his volunteer work.

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

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 3/19/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Abeln

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Glenbard Wastewater Authority Open house Invitation – Chairman Meehan reports that the EC has been invited again to attend the open house on June 1st 9:30-11:30. He took the tour last year and thought it was very interesting. He asks the EC to look at their calendars to see if they can attend and let him know at the next EC meeting.

2. Proposed Changes to the Commission Structure – Chairman Meehan reports that the Village is thinking about changing the number of commissioners on the EC from 9 to 7. They are also looking at a term limit of 2 years as well as having the EC meet bi-monthly. He asks the EC for their thoughts on these proposed changes. Commissioner Truitt adds she would like to see 9 Commissioners to help divide up the work load. Chairman Meehan will send a recap to Trustee Enright with what the EC would like the new Commission structure to be.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – No Update
2. New Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan asks the EC if anyone is interested in working on the checklist with him. Commissioner Abeln volunteers to help. Abeln adds we can use the Greenest Region Compact to assist us with this.
3. The Tube – Commissioner Gregory reports that she is still working on getting a group of art students to participate in the Tube design phase charrette. She has

reached out to Glenbard West and there are about 3 art students interested. She has also reached out to Glenbard South and there is interest there as well. She has contacted Hadley but has not received any replies. She adds that the summer may be a better option once school is out to hold this meeting. The May timeline doesn't look like it will happen. Commissioner Truitt suggests picking a date and location first and then send invites to those students interested. It may be hard for them to commit not knowing a date. Chairman Meehan adds that we don't have to rush this project. We can work on the artwork next year if we need to. Commissioner Gregory will continue to work on this.

4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she spoke with Engineer Daubert and he has this project out for proposals.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she asked the village for a list of contractors and they don't give them out. The village does not want to be perceived as endorsing any one contractor. She adds educating the residents might be a better way to go with this initiative. The first challenge we will have is coordinating the communication on getting the word out with the residents.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf reports that the Garden tour is scheduled for June 22 and a rain date of June 23rd. We have 2 home gardens, St. Mark's Church and Mary Knoll Park set so far. We are still looking for more.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Commissioner Abeln reports that he and Adam attended a meeting on Sunday to help promote this initiative. We want to find other sponsors and we want this to be a GE sponsored event. The date and location has not yet been set.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan–Commissioner Umlauf reports that she and Commissioner Truitt met with St. Charles Tree Preservation and found out that they are facing the same challenges as we are. What we are trying to do is in line with what they are trying to do. What we currently have in place is pretty comprehensive. We need to enforce what we currently have. Perhaps the citizens of GE could be the actual enforcers through education. We want to continue to educate and build pride with our trees.
2. Greenest Region Compact Resolution Status – Staff Intern Kirk reports he is working with Bill on this. There will be a workshop in May where the resolution will be discussed. After that it will go to the board for a vote at a future meeting.

3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that all vendors are set for that day. He has reached out to Rose Arnold from COD to see if there are any students from COD who would like to volunteer. He has not heard back from her yet. He is working with Staff Intern Kirk on a few details that need to be worked out. Staff Intern Kirk reports that Public Works will be sending 2 people from their staff to help with set up. He adds Public Works will get the signs made as well. Commissioner Zelasco asks the EC to get there no later than 8:30 am on April 27th. The event ends at 1:00. He asks everyone to help clean up after the event.

Commissioner Zelasco reports that he is looking into a new recycling company called Simple Recycling that recycles clothing and purses. Villa Park is currently using this company. Simple Recycling supplies residents with bags and bins for the items to be placed in. These items are picked up curbside on the same day that trash gets picked up. There is no fee or stickers required.

D. Outreach

1. DuPage River Prairie Group – Chairman Meehan reports that he spoke with Dave Gahris and he would like the EC to sponsor a nature hike. Perhaps this is something we would like to get involved in.
2. Village Website Redesign – Commissioner Truitt reports that village is redesigning and launching a new website. The webpage will have information on it such as commission members, agendas and minutes. There is also going to be a notify me feature that will be used to send information out to anyone who signs up to receive information. This is a feature that the EC would want to take advantage of from an educational standpoint. We also need to strategize on what links we want to put on our page. We want to push information out to residents that are relevant. Chairman Meehan asks should we keep this as an ongoing agenda item to update the info on our website. Commissioner Truitt states yes. She adds Meghan said 1-3 weeks is the timeframe to update info on the website. Commissioner Truitt will send out an email to the EC with a list of articles for them to review to make sure these are what we want to include on our page.
3. College of DuPage Environmental Club – No update.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright reports that the final architectural drawings on the Apex project were approved and we did receive a lawsuit on this project as well. Last night at the workshop we approved the utility movement on the parking garage. The 413 teardown was also approved. It will go to the board for final approval.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Staff Intern Kirk reports that the Civic Center renovation is almost complete. The small business center will move in the 1st week of May. The Prairie Path cleanup is scheduled on the same day as the Recycling Extravaganza.

VIII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that Earth Day is getting really big. We have 50 groups and vendors coming that day. Each group will get a 15x15 area to set up in. We will provide tables and chairs. Set up starts at 11:00-12:30. The event starts at 1:00. If you have a tent to bring that would be great. We will have 4 workshops going on in the boathouse and there will be tours of Lake Ellyn. We will also have a kid's area with activities. Commissioner Truitt asks the EC if we should print out something that includes a list of upcoming EC events so we can pass it out to the residents on Earth Day. The EC likes that idea and Commissioner Truitt agrees to come up with a list of events and get it printed out. Park District Liaison Frigo reports that Saturday May 18th from 9:00-noon is the DuPage River Cleanup. If anyone is interested in participating, you will have to register online and fill out a waiver. Frigo adds that a 1.2 mile walking path around the perimeter of Ackerman was approved at the Park District board meeting as part of the softball field project. The park district is going to be planting 20 trees at Sunset Park on Arbor Day.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on May 21, 2019.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer