

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 21, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: May 21, 2019
Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Present
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Absent
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present
Rich Daubert	Professional Engineer	Present
Julius Hansen	Director of Public Works	Present
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 21, 2019 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:06 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 16, 2019 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 4/16/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner

SECONDER: Commissioner

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Glenbard Wastewater Authority Open house Invitation – Chairman Meehan reports that the EC has been invited to attend the open house on June 1st 9:30-11:30. He asks the EC if they are interested in attending. The EC replies yes.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – Engineer Daubert presents the CBD streetscape project to the EC. He adds that with all the work that will be happening in the downtown area with pavement and utility work; he is concerned with the potential impact it will have on the health and survival of the existing trees. He asks the EC to weigh in on the tree plan. Public Works Director Hansen presents the Tree Plan. Director Hansen reports that the board wants to get the message out about our tree plan. We currently have 2 options that we will be presenting to the village at the next board meeting. Option 1 - To save as many trees as possible. Hansen reports of the 112 trees in the downtown area, 38 trees need to be removed for various reasons.(majority of these trees are the pear trees on Crescent), 16 trees are transplantable and 12 are not. We may be able to work around the remaining 58 trees but we may lose some of those as casualties of the project. The number of casualties is unknown. Option 2 - Remove all the trees and start over and plant all new trees. This is a good future approach. The tree canopy would be more diverse and the trees will look great for future generations. Trees would be strategically placed where car and parking do not interfere. Silva cells would help the new trees to survive and thrive. Larger diameter trees could be planted. Streets that don't have trees would have trees. Constructability of the downtown streets and sidewalks would be easier. The EC weighs in on the 2 options. They believe these options have been well thought out. Chairman Meehan asks what would be helpful to the village for the EC's recommendations. Trustee Pryde adds what types of trees and landscaping components are just some of the items the EC can weigh in on. He adds EC backing and support to the project would help with public opinion. Commissioner Gregory adds for those trees the village will save if you make it into a marketing effort and let the public know you are saving some of the trees and replanting them elsewhere. She thinks residents would appreciate

that. Chairman Meehan asks Engineer Daubert to forward the 2018 CBD report to him so the EC can further review. Chairman Meehan thanks Engineer Daubert and Director Hansen for their presentations.

2. New Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan reports that this is a work in progress.
3. The Tube – Commissioner Gregory reports that the Tube meeting is tomorrow night where the artists will talk and solicit ideas from the public. There will be two meetings. The first meeting will be a reception from 5:00-6:30 with the artists and various invited businesses and organizations. The EC should have received their invitation to this reception. The public session is from 7:00-8:30. There will be a handful of art students in attendance as well as public participation. This meeting is meant to be collaborative with the artists. Concept drawings will be given to us after the meeting. The meeting is held at the Main Street Recreation center.
4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – Engineer Daubert reports that we are working on getting this approved.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – No update.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Park District Liaison Frigo reports there are 4 homes that are committed for the walk. We have 4 people signed up for this event. We need to advertise this more. Commissioner Umlauf will check with Meghan on advertising this event.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Chairman Meehan reports that the presentation will take place on July 31, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Glen Ellyn is an official sponsor of this presentation.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – No update.
2. Greenest Region Compact Resolution Status – Chairman Meehan asks Trustee Pryde if he can see where the village is on this resolution. Trustee Pryde agrees to look into it.
3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that the extravaganza went well. There were 600 cars that were in attendance. We collected 378 fluorescent light bulbs, 50 American Flags, 41 bikes, 1,057 gallons of paint, Scarce filled their van 4 times and the paper shredding truck was filled. We

received good feedback on our new location and traffic flow improvements. The biggest complaint was the restrooms. He thanks the EC for all their help. A big shout out to COD who sent volunteers. He thanks Commissioner Truitt for putting together the handouts regarding recycling Do's and Don'ts. Commissioner Umlauf adds we should give the collection numbers to Meghan to put it in the newsletter. Chairman Meehan thanks Commissioner Zelasco for all his hard work. He asks Commissioner Zelasco to start grooming another Commissioner on this event to help out

D. Outreach

1. DuPage River Prairie Group – No update. Chairman Meehan reports that this will be an ongoing agenda item.
2. Village Website Redesign – No update.
3. College of DuPage Environmental Club – No update. Chairman Meehan reports that this will be an ongoing agenda item.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Pryde reports that 2 new board members were sworn in: Kelli Christiansen and Steve Thompson. The CBD streetscape continues to be a big project for the village. An office building is being considered for the Mcchesney site and is being reviewed by Planning and Development. Budgets will be completed in a few months. Chairman Meehan welcomes Trustee Pryde to the EC.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – No report.

VIII. Park District Liaison Report – Park District Liaison Frigo asks the EC if they would like to partner with the Tree Sale. Pick up will be on September 28th. Commissioner Umlauf adds that the EC would like to be a part of the tree sale. Frigo reports that the park district has planted 20 trees at Sunset Park. The river sweep on Saturday went well. We had 42 people show up to volunteer.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on June 18, 2019.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer