

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 18, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: June 18, 2019
Called to Order: 7:06 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:28 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	Absent
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Absent

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Absent
PUBLIC		
Paula McGowen	1N 443 Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **June 18, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:06 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Glen Ellyn resident, Paula McGowen discusses the Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel's artwork. She is concerned about potential vandalism and suggests bringing in high school art students to paint the interior of the tunnel. Commissioner Gregory adds that all Glen Ellyn high school art departments and

students were invited to take part in last week's workshop but there was no real interest in showing up and participating. She adds a lot of effort went into trying to get them to participate. Commissioner Gregory adds CPA has not had any issues with vandalism on any of their past projects. Commissioner Gregory adds that she will give McGowen updates on where we are with the art brainstorming phase.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 21, 2019 MEETING – Table to next month

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 5/21/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner

SECONDER: Commissioner

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Gregory reports that she has seen over the years high school students attend many of the EC meetings. She would like the EC to give a 3 minute overview to these students at the beginning of the EC meeting giving them context of what the EC does. This is a great opportunity for outreach to these students and she would be happy to prepare and give the overview. Chairman Meehan and the EC think it's a great idea and thanks Commissioner Gregory for taking this on.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – Chairman Meehan asks the EC to weigh in on the CBD presentation from last month. Commissioner Umlauf adds the approaches that were presented were well thought out and founded. Chairman Meehan asks the EC to consider whether we want to endorse any one approach. He adds both approaches are environmentally sound. We will revisit this next month.
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan reports that he is working on this with Commissioner Abeln and hopes to have something to share next month.
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork & Lighting – Commissioner Gregory reports that the meeting last week with the artist went well. There were about 20 people who showed up and it was very interactive. Business owners had a lot of positive input. Art teachers from Glenbard South High School were there as well as 1 art student from Hadley who was very engaged. The artist suggested incorporating artwork within the artwork that could be interactive with the

community (i.e.: a scavenger hunt within the artwork). We are still waiting on preliminary designs from the meeting. Commissioner Gregory would like to request \$5,000 from the Village for phase 2 of the art design and come up for fundraising ideas for additional funds. She would like to put it up for a vote next month. Commissioner Malone adds we could ask the village to match what the Glen Ellyn fund contributes.

4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she is still waiting to hear back from Engineer Daubert.

B. Education

1. Contractor & Residents Seminars – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she is working on a homeowner education document about planting, mulching and pruning for residents to refer to.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf reports that the Garden tour is this coming Saturday. It will start at Holes & Knolls at 9:00am. The rain date will be Sunday. This event was advertised on the village website and on an e-blast. The Park District has also promoted this. Commissioner Gregory has offered to help out at this event.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Commissioner Abeln reports that the presentation will take place on July 31, 2019 at 7:00 pm. He asks if we can get this promoted on the village website. Chairman Meehan asks Commissioner Abeln to get the information to Meghan for her to put it up on the website.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – No update.
2. Greenest Region Compact Resolution Status – Chairman Meehan reports that this resolution was passed at the last village board meeting. Commissioner Abeln will reach out to Edith Makra to inform her that the resolution has passed and will look into how we can use GRC.

D. Outreach

1. DuPage River Prairie Group – Chairman Meehan reports that he has reached out to them and has given them a standing invitation to attend our EC meetings. He will keep this as an ongoing agenda item.
2. Village Website Redesign – No update.
3. College of DuPage Environmental Club – Chairman Meehan reports that he has reached out to them and has given them a standing invitation to attend our EC

meetings. He will keep this as an ongoing agenda item.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – No report.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Manager Holmer reported that the Village President has decided to reduce the number of commissioners by two.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on July 16, 2019.

B. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer