

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 16, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: July 16, 2019
Called to Order: 7:10 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:37 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present
PUBLIC		
Jacquelyn Casazza	386 N. Main Street	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at 7:10 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Glen Ellyn resident, Jacquelyn Casazza is interested in becoming a commissioner on the EC and is here to sit in on the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 18, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 6/18/2019

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Gregory

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Chairman Meehan asks the EC to come to next month's meeting with some ideas on education and outreach for the fall. Commissioner Gregory asks what the deadline is for budget requests. Staff Intern Kirk will find out and let the EC know.
2. Chairman Meehan asks Staff Intern Kirk if we submitted paperwork for Green Power Award sign. Staff Intern Kirk said Assistant Village Manager Holmer would know about this. Chairman Meehan will follow up with Assistant Village Manager Holmer.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – No report
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – No report
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel – Commissioner Gregory reports the artist submitted a pencil sketch of the art for the Pedestrian tunnel based on the feedback from last month's workshop. We were very surprised on what we received. The artwork doesn't convey the colors and the expectations we were looking for. Chairman Meehan adds he was hoping for something a little bolder in color like the renderings they showed us from other art they had done in Chicago. We want this to be destination art. We need to have something that will bring excitement so we can secure funding. Commissioner Malone adds there are two issues with this rendering. 1. The color palette is too muted. 2. The lack of inclusion of Glen Ellyn elements such as the horse trough, Lake Ellyn, the boathouse or Glen Ellyn Theater. We want elements in the artwork that harken Glen Ellyn. Commissioner Gregory adds she would like to draft a letter and send it to CPA citing all the feedback we have received from the commission. She will draft the letter and send to Chairman Meehan to review and send to CPA.
4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – No report

B. Education

1. Residents Seminars – No report
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Park District Liaison Frigo reports that the feedback we received was that everyone felt it was a worthwhile event. We had 48 participants and the weather was great. Commissioner Truitt adds this event is very inspirational and we would like to expand on this next year. Perhaps we can offer workshops and an education component to the event. Chairman Meehan adds this event covers sustainability, outreach and education. This could be another one of the EC's main events for the year. We have the Recycling Extravaganza, One Earth Film Fest and the Garden Walk. The EC is in favor of expanding this event. Commissioner Truitt adds we could find sponsors to help with the education component. Commissioner Gregory adds perhaps we put this as a line item on our budget for next year. Chairman Meehan supports that and asks Commissioner Truitt if she needs any help with expanding this event to let the EC know.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Commissioner Abeln reports that he sent a 1 page pdf that we could use as a promotional piece. Chairman Meehan adds we need to start promoting this event to various organizations to get the word out. Commissioner Abeln will contact CUB to see how they are promoting this event. The event will take place on July 31, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – No update.
2. Greenest Region Compact – Commissioner Abeln reports that he contacted Edith Makra to see if the GRC had a Development Project checklist. She is not aware of one, but thinks it's a good idea.

D. Outreach

1. DuPage River Prairie Group – No report
2. Village Website Redesign – No report
3. College of DuPage Environmental Club – No report
4. One Earth Film Fest – Commissioner Gregory reports that One Earth is proposing spinning off into 2 entities - One Earth Film and One Earth X. One will be more high profile and the other being shown more liberally. COD has had a 3 year grant to show the films on their property. If COD doesn't get the funding next year, is this something the EC would want to take over and find a venue to show the films. I am waiting to hear back from COD. One Earth film fest is also looking

to sponsor an initiative that would gain attraction and create action from an environmental standpoint.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – No report.

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Staff Intern Kirk reports that we will not be filling the two open commissioner vacancies. The village will not be removing them from the village code.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on August 20, 2019.

B. Commissioner Malone motions to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Abeln seconds the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer