

# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**September 24, 2019**

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**Board or Commission:** Environmental  
**Meeting:** Regular  
**Quorum:** Yes

**Date:** September 24, 2019  
**Called to Order:** 7:11 p.m.  
**Adjourned:** 9:16 p.m.

### MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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| Craig Pryde       | Liaison Trustee           | Absent  |
| Bill Holmer       | Assistant Village Manager | Present |
| Adam Kirk         | Staff Intern              | Absent  |
| Mark Senak        | Trustee                   | Present |
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| Jacquelyn Casazza | 386 N. Main Street        |         |
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### I. CALL TO ORDER

The **September 24, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at **7:11 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

### II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2019 MEETING**

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 8/20/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Malone

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 16, 2019 MEETING**

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 7/16/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Chairman Meehan reports that the Groot site visit for the EC is scheduled for Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am in Elk Grove Village. Commissioner Umlauf adds this will give the EC the opportunity to gather more information on recycling that we will then communicate to our residents.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

#### *A. Advisory/Development*

1. CBD Streetscape – Assistant Village Manager reports that sample mockups are being put up north of Crescent and Main to see how they hold up in winter as well as getting public feedback.

Commissioner Gregory reports that COD will have multi-window instillation on the Frida Exhibit including quotes and artwork from Frida. These windows will be south of Fire & Wine across from Katy's Boutique. She will check with Chris about replacing the craft paper in the window.

2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan reports that he is working on this and asks Commissioner Abeln to take a look at it as well.
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork Review– Commissioner Gregory reports that we asked CPAG to symbolize and capture the essence of Glen Ellyn through 5 main elements: fireworks, water, trees, movement and music. The

artwork will be 8' high x 33' across. We have broken it up into Part A and Part B for funding. Each part costing approximately \$30,000. Commissioner Malone adds the direction that was given to CPAG was great and it sparked the creativity. Commissioner Gregory showed the EC the artwork rendering she received. She is still waiting to see the rendering in color. Assistant Village Manager Holmer suggests that the EC make a formal presentation to the Village board soon while they are still finalizing budgets. Commissioner Gregory will work with Steve Weaver at CPAG to get the colored renderings and presentation set to bring forth to the Village board in October.

4. Taylor Street Sustainable Landscaping – No report

*B. Education*

1. Residents Seminars – Chairman Meehan would like to do this as a way to do outreach to residents on what the EC does. He asks the EC to start thinking of topics to do a seminar on where we can get in front of the community to educate them. He would like to do 2 seminars a year. Trustee Senak adds you can use the Police Station as a possible venue to hold these seminars.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf reports for 2020 we would like to make this into a bigger event (festival). We would offer this the weekend after July 4<sup>th</sup> when the weather is a little nicer. She reports our Native Plant sale has become the biggest in the area. We are getting new customers each year with very few repeat customers.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – Commissioner Abeln reports that he has a meeting set up with Jeff Gehris next week to discuss this.

*C. Sustainability*

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – Trustee Senak asks the EC to stay in the loop with the CBD streetscape tree plan.
2. Greenest Region Compact – Commissioner Abeln reports that he is meeting with Edith Makra on Oct 8<sup>th</sup>. The GRC would also like a liaison from Glen Ellyn that they can contact in the Village. Chairman Meehan adds he can be their village liaison.
3. Glen Ellyn Fund Grant Application - Commissioner Malone reports we have put in an application for \$7500 and will find out in Nov/Dec if we will receive it.

*D. Outreach*

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy – Chairman Meehan reports that he would like to start pushing content on the EC website. Commissioner Truitt

has looked at the framework and other communities to see what they are putting on their websites. We could divide our content into various categories – waste, recycling, land, economic development and municipal. He asks the EC to start thinking about what information we would like to put up. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds most of our residents turn to our website for information.

2. College of DuPage Environmental Club – No report
3. One Earth Film Fest – Commissioner Gregory reports that COD received grant money to fund one film event. We can use their location for free to offer another after film discussion. We are looking to do this in the winter.
4. Glen Ellyn Fund – Commissioner Malone reports that we need to continue to make a market for this. We need to start networking individuals to consider a gift or make it part of their estate planning. We are looking to market this by doing an attractive 4 page insert in the GE newsletter. This is where we will reintroduce what the GE fund is all about. We are also looking at key group influencers that are philanthropic (newcomers club, chamber of commerce) and other service groups. We will have GE Fund members attend one of the meetings in order to get them interested in the GE fund.

**VI. Trustee Liaison Report** – No report.

**VII. Staff Liaison Report** – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that Pete's Fresh Market's grand opening is Thursday September 26<sup>th</sup>. The construction on the Roosevelt Road turning lanes by Baker Hill are wrapping up. Nothing is happening with the McChesney site. The Apex project is still in litigation. The Giesche building has been demolished. The Avere project is moving along. We are working through some easement issues with the parking garage. CBD streetscape to begin in 2021.

**VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment**

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on October 15, 2019.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

**Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary**

**Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer**