

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 19, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: November 19, 2019
Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:11 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	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Absent
PUBLIC		
Jacquelyn Casazza	386 N. Main Street	
Sean & Katy Hummert	528 Cherry Street, Glen Ellyn	
Connor Pollina	Wheaton Warrenville High School Student	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **November 19, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at **7:02 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Park District Liaison Renae Frigo reports that the Park District has its own advisory committee and they are looking for people to be on this committee to offer ideas and feedback. She asks the EC if they would be able to send a representative to attend the meetings. The meetings are held once or twice a year

from 6:00-8:00pm. Chairman Meehan asks the EC if anyone would like to volunteer to attend these meetings. Jacquelyn Casazza volunteers to be the EC representative.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 15, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 10/15/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Zelasco

SECONDER: Commissioner Malone

- IV. Announcements** – Chairman Meehan announces that Commissioners Adrienne Gregory and John Zelasco are resigning from the Environmental Commission. Tonight will be their last meeting. Chairman Meehan thanks them for their hard work, dedication, wisdom and commitment. He adds we are sad to lose you and wish you all the best. The EC applauds their service. Commissioner Malone adds that Commissioners Gregory and Zelasco are great examples of what volunteers can accomplish. Commissioner Zelasco thanks the EC and adds this has been a labor of love, and I have enjoyed the time spent and the friends I've made. Commissioner Gregory adds I plan to remain on the Glen Ellyn Fund Advisory committee. Chairman Meehan adds he wants to make sure we have a smooth transition of those projects Adrienne and John were working on.

Chairman Meehan is happy to report that we have a new commissioner appointment that will be approved at the December 9th board meeting - Jacquelyn Casazza.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Advisory/Development*

1. CBD Streetscape – No report.
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – No report
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork Review– Commissioner Gregory reports that she and Commissioner Umlauf attended the village workshop to discuss the artwork for the Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel. We realized some of the new board members were not aware of this project, while others had preconceived notions. Some of the board members wanted to see 3 concepts

instead of just the one that was presented. We were looking to get a \$30,000 budget line item for funding this project. After much discussion the board decided to table this project and bring it up again in July. Commissioner Gregory adds it will take a lot of work if we want to fight for this project. We may want to relinquish this back to the village. Overall we were surprised by the village's decision.

Commissioner Umlauf adds her concern with offering 3 concepts is that it may divide the vote. Perhaps our 3rd concept would actually be to do nothing with the Tunnel and leave it as is. Chairman Meehan adds we need to think about this as a board as to what we want to do. Commissioner Truitt adds our job as a commission is to advise and promote public art and perhaps this is more of a village board project. Perhaps we should take more of an advisory role on this project. Chairman Meehan adds this certainly falls within our purview. He asks the EC to continue to think about what our role should be on this project.

B. Education

1. Resident Seminars – Library “Green Gathering” Conversations - Commissioner Umlauf reports that the library is interested in working with us on this and we came up with 3 dates. The first one will be on November 29th – Green ways to wrap gifts & Tips for a green holiday. The library will let us decorate a tree with natural ingredients and we will have a table set up with handouts on upcoming events. Commissioner Truitt distributed a mockup handout that she is working on. The next Green Gathering Conversations will be January 18th – Recycle & Compost – Groot will be there as the guest speaker. Commissioner Umlauf asks if we can get funds for marketing and advertising our upcoming events. Chairman Meehan says yes.

Commissioner Umlauf motions to allocate \$500.00 in funds for advertising and education; Commissioner Zelasco seconds the motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE \$500 IN FUNDS FOR ADVERTISING & EDUCATION

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

AYES: 7

2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf reports that July 11th will be the garden tour. We have some properties identified for the tour. A Native Plant sale and a lecture will be associated with that as well. Commissioner Truitt adds we will also have more public gardens.

3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – No report

C. Sustainability

1. Tree Preservation and Improvement Plan – No report

2. Greenest Region Compact – No report

3. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports he has a list of instructions, vendors, map, handouts, and Public Works information on this event. He turns all the information and files over to Chairman Meehan. Commissioner Zelasco strongly suggests having restrooms at this event. He also adds that you need to start talking to vendors very soon and ask them to participate. Many vendors book up a year in advance. Commissioner Umlauf asks if this is something the Village should take over and the EC would commit to volunteer at the event. Chairman Meehan will talk with Assistant City Manager Holmer about that.

D. Outreach

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy – Commissioner Truitt reports that we are able to put general information on the website and we can build it as we go. Chairman Meehan adds let's keep brainstorming on how we can promote our events.
2. One Earth Film Fest – Commissioner Gregory reports the film festival will be held on March 11th and 12th. She would like to volunteer to be the coordinator for the event. She will meet with COD and give input on what films to show and she would also be at the event. She asks the EC if they still want to be a part of this event and if so the cost is \$500.00. The EC agrees to be a part of the One Earth Film Fest. Chairman Meehan thanks Commissioner Gregory for volunteering to lead this event.

Commissioner Malone motions to allocate \$500.00 to the One Earth Film Fest and Commissioner Zelasco seconds the motion.

MOVE TO APPROVE \$500 IN FUNDS FOR ONE EARTH FILM FEST

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

AYES: 7

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that he is sorry to see Commissioners Gregory and Zelasco leave and they will be missed. On December 9th the Village board will vote to approve Jacquelyn Casazza as new commissioner for the Environmental Commission. We are still working through some easement issues with the Civic Center Parking Garage. We are not sure on the timing for this project. Apex is in litigation. The McChesney site is back on the market. The village voted to put a moratorium on the acceptance or approval of applications for the sale of recreational cannabis in Glen Ellyn for 1 year.

VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on December 17, 2019.

B. Commissioner Malone motions and Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer