

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 17, 2019

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: December 17, 2019
Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:29 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

David Meehan	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
Christie Truitt	Commissioner	Absent
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Adam Kirk	Staff Intern	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
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I. CALL TO ORDER

The **December 17, 2019** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at **7:04 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Park District Liaison Renae Frigo asks the EC if they would like to partner with the Conservation Foundation again next year. The cost to take part is \$1,000. Last year the Park district and the EC contributed \$500.00 each. The EC has agreed to partner with the Conservation Foundation again next year.

Park District Liaison Frigo will get in touch with Jan at the Conservation Foundation to let her know we are interested in partnering with them again.

Commissioner Umlauf moves to continue the relationship with the Conservation Foundation and share the costs with the Park District. Commissioner Malone seconds the motion.

MOVE TO PARTNER WITH THE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION AND SHARE THE COSTS WITH THE PARK DISTRICT

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Casazza reports that she has received questions from residents about when composting is picked up. It currently is not on our website. Staff Liaison Kirk will check with Meghan to see if we can put composting pickup on the website.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 11/19/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Member – Chairman Meehan reports that Jacquelyn Casazza was sworn in on December 9th to be the new EC commissioner. We still have one more slot to fill. Staff Liaisons Holmer and Kirk are reviewing applications.

B. DuPage Foundation Fall Committee Grants Program – Commissioner Malone reports we've received the first GE Fund grant. This grant will go toward an EC sponsored project. Originally we were going to get a match for the Tube artwork, but that project will not be happening. We didn't want the money to lapse so we have a great project - a small permanent sustainable garden within the village that will have signage. This garden could be the starting or ending point of the garden tour. The grant is for \$7200. It will come from the DuPage Foundation to the Village. The funds will then be distributed to various contractors for this project. We will need to determine a location for this garden. A location that would be publicly accessible with high foot traffic. Commissioner Umlauf adds

that Public Works and the Park District could help us find a good location. Commissioner Malone adds that once the project is complete we will write a report to the DuPage Foundation explaining how we used the funds. If we do a great job with this project we could get funding for future projects. Proposals for future projects need to be submitted by September. Chairman Meehan asks the EC to start thinking about future projects and will keep this as an ongoing agenda item.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – Commissioner Umlauf reports that the next meeting is January 14, 2020 at the Capital Improvements meeting. Trees will be the main topic discussed.
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – Chairman Meehan reports that he and Commissioner Abeln are working on this.
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork Review– Chairman Meehan reports that at the last meeting we discussed reconsidering our role in this project. This may be a project that is Village driven. We need to be more tactical and strategic with our future projects. Commissioner Casazza adds perhaps we should speak with Assistant Manager Holmer on how we should proceed with this project. Chairman Meehan will keep this item on the agenda for next month.

B. Education

1. Resident Seminars – Library “Green Gathering” Conversations - Commissioner Umlauf reports that we had our first Green Gathering on November 29th – Green ways to wrap gifts & Tips for a green holiday. We decorated a tree with natural ingredients and had a table set up with tip sheets. The Green Gatherings schedule is January 18th – Recycling; February 22nd - Energy Efficiency & Solar Power; April 18th -Sustainable Yards & Water Management; May 16th - Getting Outdoors & Exploring Nature. Chairman Meehan adds perhaps we can put together a flyer with the schedule of Green Gatherings and put them up around town to advertise these seminars.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– Commissioner Umlauf states in light of our new sustainable garden project we will have to decide where our starting and ending point of the tour will be.
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – No report

C. Sustainability

1. Greenest Region Compact – No report
2. Recycling Extravaganza – Chairman Meehan will speak with John Zelasco to see if he would be an outside consultant on this project. He adds he will work on this and would like 2 more commissioners to help plan this event.

D. Outreach

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy – No report
2. One Earth Film Festival – New Venue – Chairman Meehan reports that COD is no longer affiliated with the One Earth Film Festival. They have asked us to partner with them on their Sustainable Film Festival. One Earth wanted a guaranteed attendance. COD has a good understanding of what the community wants. Adrienne Gregory will still be working with COD on film selections and marketing of this event. Commissioner Malone will be Adrienne's liaison to the EC. We will need to reallocate funds from One Earth to COD.

Commissioner Malone motions to allocate \$500.00 to the COD Sustainable Film Festival instead of One Earth Film Fest and Commissioner Casazza seconds the motion.

MOVE TO REALLOCATE \$500 IN FUNDS TO COD SUSTAINABLE FILM FESTIVAL I/O ONE EARTH

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

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VII. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – No report

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on January 21, 2020.
- B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer