



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2020
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

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I. Call To Order

II. Public Participation

III. Minute Approval

1. January 21, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

IV. Announcements

V. New Business

- A. New Member Update

VI. Old Business

- A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape - Statement on Tree Options
2. Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel
3. Development Project Environmental Checklist

- B. Education

1. Spring Newsletter Articles
2. Resident Seminars - Library "Green Gathering" Conversations
3. Sustainable Garden Walk - Next Steps for 2020

- C. Sustainability

1. Greenest Region Compact Resolution - Next Steps
2. Recycling Extravaganza - April 18, 2020

3. Update on Grand Funded Educational Garden

D. Outreach

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy - Composting Information
2. Cub Scouts Talk and Volunteerism - March 1, 2020
3. One Earth Film Festival/COD Film Festival - Payment of Fees to COD
4. Volunteer Work Days - Partnership with Park District
5. International Dark Sky Association - Presentation Co-Sponsor - COD - March 4, 2020

VII. Trustee Liaison's Report

VIII. Staff Liaison's Report

IX. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- A. The next Environmental Commission Meeting will be held on March 17, 2020
- B. Adjournment

**Environmental Commission**

535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting: 02/18/20 07:00 PM

Department: Environmental Commission

Department Head: Lindsey Kaminsky

Category: Minutes

Prepared By: Lindsey Kaminsky

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 4375)

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January 21, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

- Jan 2020 Environmental Commission Minutes (PDF)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

January 21, 2020

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: January 21, 2020
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:55 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Tom Topor	Sr. Civil Engineer	Present
Julius Hansen	Director of Public Works	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present
Steve Szymanski	Capital Improvement Commissioner	Present
PUBLIC		
Phil Hutchinson	Landscape Architect Civiltech Inc.	
Kristin Kalitowski	Civiltech Inc.	
John Magill	Civiltech	
Mike Folkening	Civiltech	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **January 21, 2020** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Meehan at **7:05 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Park District Liaison Renae Frigo informs the EC that she is working on putting together a workshop about the How To(s) on starting a garden and landscaping. She will tie this workshop into whatever the EC is currently promoting. The workshop would be about 3 hours long. At the workshop we would

support/plug sustainable landscaping and the garden tour. Commissioner Truitt adds we could promote this workshop at the Green Gatherings resident seminars. Commissioner Umlauf adds this could be our grant project. We have the money to do this with our garden instillation. Park District Liaison adds whatever you decide to do with the grant; the Park district is open to discuss using our property for your garden instillation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 17, 2019 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 12/17/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Malone

SECONDER: Commissioner Umlauf

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Member Update – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports he is in the process of vetting candidates. He will forward the candidates on to Chairman Meehan after the vetting process is complete.
- B. Streetscape Project Tree – Tom Topor, Sr. Civil Engineer lead on the Streetscape Utility Project reports that we have done a lot of research on the streetscape trees. Tonight Civiltech will present their tree options. We are looking for input from the EC . This presentation was given to the Capital Improvement Commission last week. Engineer Topor introduces Phil Hutchinson, Landscape Architect of Civiltech.

The following items were presented by Civiltech:

- 1. Elements of a Successful Streetscape
- 2. Decision Making Process
- 3. CBD Design Schedule
- 4. Role of Trees in Downtown Glen Ellyn
- 5. Characteristics of a Healthy Urban Forest – broad diversity; no more than 10% of 1 species
- 6. Challenges to a Healthy Urban Forest
- 7. Current Condition of Glen Ellyn's Urban Forest – 109 trees assessed. 66% of trees are 2 species (Honey Locust and Callery Pear). 49% are in fair/poor condition; poor growing conditions in downtown; many are showing signs of decline; lack of nutrients in tree pits, 40 of the 100 will not survive construction
- 8. Conflicts with Utility Improvements – Proposed utility work will involve open trenching. Trenches will impact root systems.
- 9. Relocation/Transplanting Trees – Some small trees can be moved but will only have a 50% survival rate and will have no warranty.

10. New Trees in Glen Ellyn will have advantages – Large root volume, irrigation system, access to soil and air, more room to grow, accelerated growth system, better tree spacing, potential to plant 100-115 additional trees
11. Planning for the Future and Next Steps – Options
Option A: Replace 95 of 109 existing trees within the CBD as part of this project. Add 100-115 new trees.

Option B: Replace 70 of 109 trees within the CBD as part of this project. Attempt to work around 25 existing trees, and plan for future replacement of them. Add 100-115 new trees.

Hutchinson adds Civiltech recommends Option A. We will publish a “Tree FAQ” and we will work on a public campaign to educate the residents.

Chairman Meehan asks about the 25 trees still being evaluated, would you move them elsewhere. Hutchinson replies no, they are not viable elsewhere. Meehan asks about the 100-115 new trees, would they be phased in. Kalitowski replies yes.

Commissioner Abeln asks can you purchase trees that are closer in age to a 5yr old tree. Hutchinson replies yes you can get larger trees but there is a downside to that. The larger the tree, the harder it is to transplant and the lower the survival rate. We can add larger trees in certain areas but we would not recommend it for all the trees.

Chairman Meehan asks if the village does decide to replace all the trees, what is the lifespan of the trees and when will we be replacing the trees again. Hutchinson replies about 50 years, some earlier, some later.

Commissioner Umlauf asks how you decide which trees will have Silva cells if the budget is an issue. Hutchinson replies our target would be where most of the pedestrians will be – Main Street and Pennsylvania Ave. Umlauf adds my concern is in a project this size, landscaping has a tendency to get cut if the project costs get too high. Public Works Director Hansen adds, we would fight for the trees. The urban forest is a critical part of the project. The citizens see the importance and that is why we are here tonight to get your feedback and support.

Commissioner Malone asks how you win the hearts and minds of the village. Kalitowski replies our plan is an educational plan. We are going to different commissions seeking feedback and ultimately support and we also have Muse Community Planning that has experience in dealing with contentious projects. They are charged with packaging it in smaller pieces to educate the public. They will do short videos and use social media to get the word out. Once we get a consensus from the commissions then we go to the public.

Director Hansen adds the CBD streetscape project is happening because we are not ADA compliant. We have to meet all of the rules and regulations as a village. In the process we want our water and sewers to work and be safe and we have an opportunity to make the Urban Forest better and thrive.

The EC thanks Civiltech for the presentation. Chairman Meehan adds we will review the information as a commission and vote on this at the next EC meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. CBD Streetscape – See above presentation
2. Development Project Environmental Checklist – No Report
3. The Taylor Street Pedestrian Tunnel Artwork Review– Commissioner Umlauf asks the EC if they want to go in front of the board again with 3 options for the Pedestrian Tunnel. The options we currently have are:
Option 1: Leave the Tunnel as is.
Option 2: Public art from CPAG or another professional art group.
Option 3: Paint the interior of the tunnel in different colored stripes representing the 4 seasons (see attached rendering that was passed out to EC)
Commissioner Umlauf asks the EC to think about the third option presented and come to the next meeting with thoughts on this option and our level of involvement on this project.

B. Education

1. Resident Seminars – Library “Green Gathering” Conversations - Commissioner Casazza reports that we had a great turnout at our Recycling Green Gathering. The residents asked great questions. Groot was in attendance and was very informative. Groot is willing to do this again perhaps in October. Commissioner Truitt adds we would like to gather some of the information presented and add it to our website under Green Gatherings. Our next Green Gathering is on Energy Efficiency & Solar Power. Citizen’s Utility is committed to attending that Green Gathering. Commissioner Abeln agrees to attend and introduce the speakers. The Upcoming Green Gatherings schedule is: February 22nd - Energy Efficiency & Solar Power; April 18th -Sustainable Yards & Water Management; May 16th - Getting Outdoors & Exploring Nature. Commissioner Truitt adds we could add the Streetscape Tree Plan as a Green Gathering in March.
2. Sustainable Garden Tour– No report
3. Solar Power Hour Presentation – No report

C. Sustainability

1. Greenest Region Compact – No report

2. Recycling Extravaganza – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that the recycling extravaganza is scheduled for April 18, 2020. It will be held at COD again.

D. Outreach

1. Village Website Redesign and Marketing Strategy – Commissioner Truitt reports that she had a problem sharing links on the website. It is currently hard for residents to find EC information. The website is not as organized as we would like. The composting link was not able to be added. Commissioner Casazza offers to work on getting the information and framework organized. Commissioner Truitt adds it would be great to organize it the way the GRC organizes their information.
2. One Earth Film Festival/COD Film Festival – No report

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager reports that the city will be offering the clean sweep again this year. It is scheduled for April 20, 2020.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on February 18, 2020.
- B. Commissioner Truitt motions and Commissioner Abeln seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer