Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2020
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room
Meeting Held Virtually - Via Zoom Only

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*This meeting will be conducted by audio and video conference without a physically present quorum of the Commission because of a disaster declaration related to COVID-19 and public health concerns affecting the Village of Glen Ellyn. The Illinois General Assembly passed Senate Bill 2135 on May 23, 2020, which was signed by the Governor on June 12, 2020. Senate Bill 2135 (now Public Act 1010640) amends the Open Meetings Act and allows the Village Board and Commissions to participate electronically in Board and Commission meetings when it is not feasible due to a disaster such as COVID-19. The Village President has determined that an in person meeting at the Civic Center is not practical or prudent because of the disaster. Physical attendance at the Civic Center by the public is also not feasible because of the disaster. The Finance Director will be in attendance at the Civic Center in compliance with the Act.*

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**A. Call to Order**

**B. Public Participation**

1) Presentation by Glenbard West Eco Club

**C. Minute Approval**

1) October 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

**D. Announcements**

1) Welcome New Commissioner

**E. Trustee Liaison's Report**

**F. Staff Liaison's Report**

**G. Park District Liaison's Report**

**H. Commission Discussion and Reports**

1) Recap of Recycling Marketing and Plans for Next Marketing Segment
2) Report on Arts Initiatives and Plans for Library Display

3) Discuss Greenest Region Compact Initiatives

**I. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

1) Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 7:00pm

2) Adjournment

# ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

# MINUTES

# OCTOBER 20, 2020

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| **Board or Commission:** | Environmental | **Date:** | October 20, 2020 |
| **Meeting:** | Regular | **Called to Order:** | 7:07 p.m. |
| **Quorum:** | Yes | **Adjourned:** | 9:16 p.m. |

**MEMBER ATTENDANCE:**

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| Christie Truitt | Chairman | Present |
| Jeff D. Abeln | Commissioner | Present |
| Todd Birman | Commissioner | Present |
| Jacquelyn Casazza | Commissioner | Present |
| David Meehan | Commissioner | Absent |
| Jennifer E. Umlauf | Commissioner | Present |
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| **Also Present:** | | |
| Christina Coyle | Finance Director Staff Liaison | Present |
| Craig Pryde | Liaison Trustee | Absent |
| Elijah Bebora | Staff Intern | Present |
| Elisa Pollina | Recording Secretary | Present |
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| **PUBLIC** | | |
| Adam Kreuzer | International Dark Sky Association | |
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## I. CALL TO ORDER

The October 20, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:07 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Zoom Call.

## II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

**A**. Dark Sky Presentation - Adam Kreuzer. Chairman Truitt introduces Adam Kreuzer to the EC - a local delegate for International Dark Sky Association (IDA). Tonight he will educate the EC on IDA initiatives. Kreuzer presents Dark Sky

presentation (see attached). Kreuzer reports that he has spoken with various organizations about Dark Skies. International Dark Sky Association is an organization that is committed to reducing light pollution. Light pollution affects the number of stars we are able to see. Currently we can only see about 30 stars when we should be able to see 3,000. Light pollution comes in 3 forms: Sky Glow (wasted light that explodes up in our atmosphere), Glare (blue rich white light compromises vision and effects wildlife adversely) and Light trespass (light that comes in our homes at night). Light that shines up and out is wasting money in energy and effecting climate change negatively. Light pollution affects humans, animals, and insects. The entire lifecycle is affected due to light pollution. What can we do? We can put in dark sky ordinances. There is a trend of communities starting to pass ordinances (Homer Glen and Hawthorne Woods). We can make sure we are using 2700 Calvin score light bulbs. In addition we can get the word out in Village Newsletters. Encouraging businesses and residents to reduce light pollution. Many people just don't know the impact of light pollution or how they can reduce it. Kreuzer asks the EC to address light pollution from a commission standpoint. He adds: I am available and would love to help the village with this initiative. For additional information you can go to www.darksky.org. Chairman Truitt thanks Adam Kreuzer for his presentation.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 9/15/2020

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

AYES: Truitt, Abeln, Birman, Casazza, Umlauf

## IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A.** The village has hired a new Assistant Village manager; she will be our new staff liaison and will join us at our next EC meeting. We also 3 potential candidates to fill our open commissioner vacancies joining us on the call this evening.

## V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

*A. Discuss Greenest Region Compact Initiatives:* Chairman Truitt reports that the following categories are the highest priorities for the next 3 years:
Economic Development, Sustainable Communities, Land Use, Waste and Recycling, and Energy. We want to support local businesses and economic development impart through supporting tourism in alignment with Frida 2021. Support active families and community, protect our community health, protect our natural assets, and promote stewardship of natural resources through sustainable landscaping and water management. All of these initiatives will be achieved through proposal of village policies, guidelines and ordinances as well as education, recognition and events.

Commissioner Casazza likes that the priorities are interconnected with the residents

and the broader community.
Chairman Truitt adds the next step is to build these out and then we can decide which commission members will do what. I will send this out and set up sub committees and a recommended direction.

B. *Recycling Marketing* – Commissioner Casazza reports that the first marketing campaign will be on October 27th. She and Staff Intern Bebora met with Meghan and discussed a list of tips to incorporate into the seasonal marketing campaign.

*C. Arts Initiatives:* Finance Director Coyle reports that the Village Board approved the partnership with COD. Commissioner Umlauf reports the GE Fund grant was submitted and we should find out if we have received it in early November. There is another grant we are eligible for that needs to be submitted by November 1st that I am working on.

*D. Park District Initiatives:* Park District Liaison Frigo asks the EC if they are interested in partnering with the Conservation Foundation again. In the past, the EC and the Park district has shared in the cost of $1,000 ($500 from EC and $500 from Park District). The Conservation Foundation helps to further environmental and sustainability initiatives and provide guidance. They currently have assisted us with our Native Tree and Shrub sale as well as some other programs we usually offer. Chairman Truitt would like to continue with the partnership. Commissioner Casazza adds perhaps we can use them for some of our Green Gathering topics and content knowledge. The EC agrees to continue the partnership with the Conservation Foundation. Frigo reports the Native Tree sale was a success. We had the most sales since offering this event. We sold 290 trees. Most of our customers were Glen Ellyn residents. Chairman Truitt adds everyone was excited to participate. It was a great event.

Upcoming Park District/Environmental Commission Events
November 7th – Pumpkin Smash
March 27 – Earth Hour (Lights Out)
April 25th – Earth Day
Summer – Sustainable Garden Tour
September – Native Tree & Shrub Sale

*E. Tree Preservation Plan Discussion:* Steve Witt leads the discussion to educate the EC on what the village regulates with respect to trees. Steve introduces Pat Hickey. Pat assists in the management of the tree preservation ordinance and works with Public Works. There are 2 ordinances for tree preservation: Ordinance 5961 – deals with tree preservation on private property and Ordinance 5962 – deals with tree preservation on public property. A tree preservation plan is required on new developments if work exceeds 300 sq. ft. The department looks at preservation of public trees. We look at protected trees within 15 feet of property line. Many of our lots are deep and trees on private property are a good distance away from new developments. The ordinances allow people to demolish and trees cannot be removed unless approved. There are no restrictions to private property. We don't have the ability to stop them from removing trees but we can educate them and try to mitigate

damage.

Chairman Truitt asks do people abide by the tree preservation plan once in place. Steve Witt says yes.
Commissioner Casazza asks do you see people removing trees prior to getting permit. Pat states not often, people appreciated trees. Commissioner Casazza adds Lake Ellyn has signs by trees stating the economic impact the tree has. Perhaps we can educate the economic impact a tree has to our residents. Park District Liaison Frigo adds there is a tree calculator that gives you an estimate of what the economic side of having a tree is. Chairman Truitt adds the more we can educate the value of trees the more residents will protect the trees. Frigo adds anything the EC can do to educate the community on trees would be helpful.
Chairman Truitt thanks Steve and Pat for taking the time to educate the EC on the tree preservation plan.

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

**VII. Staff Liaison Report** – Director Coyle reports at the Village board meeting last night there was discussion on the CBD streetscape with respect to parking and tree spacing modifications to accommodate wider sidewalks and outdoor dining. The board also discussed the McKee House and how the village will move forward with this. We also released the 2021 Village Budget. We will be reviewing this budget in detail in the coming weeks.

**VIII. Next Meeting & Adjournment**

A. The next EC meeting will be held on November 17, 2020.

B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Birman seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

**Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary**

**Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle**

**Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission**
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 11/17/2020 7:00 PM
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Prepared By:

**AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2020-677)** **DOC ID: 2020-677**

# Recap of Recycling Marketing and Plans for Next Marketing Segment

**Statement of the Issue:**

**Analysis:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Action Requested:**

**Attachments:**

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# Report on Arts Initiatives and Plans for Library Display

**Statement of the Issue:**

**Analysis:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Action Requested:**

**Attachments:**

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**AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2020-679)** **DOC ID: 2020-679**

# Discuss Greenest Region Compact Initiatives

**Statement of the Issue:**

**Analysis:**

**Budget Impact:**

**Action Requested:**

**Attachments:**