



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room
Meeting Held Virtually - Via Zoom Only

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**
- C. Minute Approval**
 - 1) November 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes
- D. Announcements**
 - 1) DuPage Foundation Grant Award
- E. Trustee Liaison's Report**
- F. Staff Liaison's Report**
- G. Park District Liaison's Report**
- H. Commission Discussion and Reports**
 - 1) Plans for Next Marketing Segment
 - 2) Report on Arts Initiatives

- 3) Education Topics
- 4) Greenest Region Compact Initiatives

I. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- 1) The next Environmental Commission meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00pm
- 2) Adjournment

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: November 17, 2020
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Todd Birman	Commissioner	Present
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	Commissioner	Absent
Steve Swanson	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Christina Coyle	Finance Director Staff Liaison	Present
Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Present
Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	Absent
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Present
PUBLIC		
Katie Portman	Glenbard West Eco Club Co-President	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **November 17, 2020** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at **7:03 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Zoom Call.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Presentation by Glenbard West Eco Club – Chairman Truitt introduces Katie Portman a senior at Glenbard West High School and Co-President of the Glenbard West Eco Club. She reports that the GBW Eco club has approximately 35 members.

Their goal is to do outreach on sustainability. We are also looking to partner with local elementary schools and the EC to do outreach. Commissioner Umlauf adds in the past we have had a student commissioner on the EC. The student commissioner would attend the EC meetings and get involved with some of our events. Chairman Truitt adds we have some educational initiatives that the student commissioner can help spread the word on. Chairman Truitt asks what topics are the Eco club interested in working on. Portman replies recycling, pollution (mask pollution) and sustainable products. Commissioner Umlauf adds we could really use a student commissioner to help get the word out on the EC initiatives. Portman will promote this information to see if one of the underclassman on the Eco club would be interested in becoming a student commissioner. The EC thanks Portman for attending tonight's meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 20, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 10/20/2020

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Abeln

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairman Truitt welcomes new commissioner, Steve Swanson. Commissioner Swanson introduces himself; he is a trial lawyer and grew up in Glen Ellyn. He is looking forward to working with the Environmental Commission.

B. Chairman Truitt welcomes Emily Rodman, new Assistant Village Manager. Rodman adds she has been in local government for 17 years. She has a background in urban planning and is excited to work with the commission in the future.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

A. Discuss Greenest Region Compact Initiatives: Chairman Truitt presents the core EC priorities (see attached report) Economic Development and Sustainable Communities and Land Use.

Economic Development and Sustainable communities:

- Support Local Businesses and Economic Development in part through supporting tourism in alignment with Frida Kahlo.
- Support Active families and Community

Land Use

- Protect our community health and natural assets
- Promote Stewardship of Natural Resources

These initiatives can be achieved through proposal of village policies,

recommendations and ordinances as well as education, recognition and events.

Economic Development and Sustainable Communities

Communities –support tourism , Active Families, Local Business

- Create and promote a community brand featuring natural resources & cultural change
 - Promote tourism in parallel with Frida Kahlo
 - Promote active families within GE through green streetscapes & improved walkways.
- Chairman Truitt asks if we can partner with the village on promoting things to do in GE when the Frida Kahlo exhibit comes to town. She asks if any commissioners would be interested in working on this. Commissioner Umlauf adds we can assist in promoting tourism with the village as they plan for this event. Chairman Truitt asks the EC to think about ideas for this topic and bring them to next month's meeting.

Development – Guidelines for Businesses (Green Building Manual):

- Recognize buildings achieving energy efficiency targets.
 - Certify as a green power community
 - Recommend choices that support Dark Sky initiatives.
- Chairman Truitt states she has spoken with Commissioners Meehan and Birman and they are interested in this topic. I have asked them to set up a subcommittee and bring recommendations to our next EC meeting.

Land Use – 2 Core Objectives:

Protect our Community Health & Natural Assets

- Encourage practices that reduce toxins & pollutants (ie: car idling)
- Evaluate Tree preservation ordinances.
- Evaluate Dark Sky Ordinances

Promote Stewardship of Natural Resources.

- Homegrown National Park initiative
- Sustainable Landscaping and Water Management practices.

Chairman Truitt adds for Land Use I have asked Commissioners Umlauf and Swanson to do some research on some of these areas of protecting stewardship of natural resources. Commissioners Abeln and Casazza offered to look into Dark Sky and ordinances. She asks all commissioners to report back next month with recommendations on these initiatives.

B. Recap of Recycling Marketing and Plans for Next Marketing Segment –

Commissioner Casazza reports she has been working with Staff Intern Beborra and Meghan on the social media campaigns. We have had 4 total recycling reminders. The 4th one ran today. Staff Intern Beborra pulled some stats on how they have been received. There are a few key metrics we looked at: number of times a post was viewed, number of people who saw it, engagement (likes, shares and comments) and engagement rate. Our Facebook page had an engagement rate of 3.6%. Commissioner Casazza asks the commission if you are on any of these social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) look for our posts. They go up every Tuesday. She adds if you like the posts, it increases the views. Also if you read the comments, this can also give ideas to the EC on educational and event opportunities. Commissioner Casazza will continue to check the posts and answer any questions

people may have. We have 7 or 8 more recycling reminders coming up. She adds she has also shared last year's holiday tips with Meghan. She will start running those after Thanksgiving. We should be good with content until mid-January.

C. Recap on Arts Initiatives and Plans for Library Display: Commissioner Umlauf reports that we should learn this week if we have received the GE Fund grant. The Library Christmas Tree has been decorated. It is located at the top of the stairs. This year we decided to put the Tips Sheet on the tree for residents to view and take a picture of instead of having a stack for people to take (reducing the use of paper). Park District Liaison Frigo adds if you want to share the tree sustainability décor document, the park district can plug that information for you.

- VI. Trustee Liaison Report** – Trustee Pryde reports that the Village Board met last night and discussed the 2021 budget. Budget to be approved on December 14th. There are ongoing discussions regarding increasing affordable housing in Glen Ellyn. The Planning Department presented affordable housing options that are available. The Plan Commission reviewed a new development at the McChesney site. This will come to the Village Board for a vote on December 14th. We will be discussing the streetscape in December to determine if we will move forward on the project next year or defer it to 2022. The parking garage is to be erected by the 3rd week of December and completed April 2021. Design solutions for the ped-way will be coming before the EC and Plan Commissions with respect to an art program. We are working with the College of DuPage on the art and they will submit it for approval. We broadened the agreement we had with COD for 2 years. This gives them enough time to procure and get it done. The Civic Betterment elections were this past weekend. This gives a slate of candidates for the April elections.
- VII. Staff Liaison Report** – Director Coyle shows the EC photos of the parking garage. She reports that the streetscape mockups have been put in on Main Street. They all have QR codes that can be scanned so you can give your feedback. The mockups will be up through the winter. Please check it out and give your feedback. Assistant Village Manager Rodman adds that the QR code takes you to an online survey which takes about 3-5 minutes to complete. Director Coyle adds the village is considering putting in an ice rink that will be jointly run by the Village and Park District. We are hoping this will draw people to the downtown businesses. However with the tier 3 restrictions just put in place due to COVID, we will have to see if we can move forward with that.
- VIII. Park District Liaison's Report** – Frigo reports we are hoping this year the Sunday following Earth Day we can continue with outreach and perhaps hold an outdoor conference with informal presentations on various topics. We would set up small group discussions all around the park at Lake Ellyn.
- IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment**
 - A. The next EC meeting will be held on December 15, 2020.

- B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle



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Meeting 12/15/2020 7:00 PM
Department: Finance
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2020-749)

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Plans for Next Marketing Segment

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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Report on Arts Initiatives

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

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Education Topics

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Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

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Greenest Region Compact Initiatives

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments: