



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Galligan Board Room
Meeting Held Virtually - Via Zoom Only

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- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Participation**
- C. Minute Approval**
 - 1) Minutes - February 1, 2021
- D. Announcements**
 - 1) Minutes - January 26, 2021
- E. Trustee Liaison's Report**
- F. Staff Liaison's Report**
- G. Park District Liaison's Report**
- H. Commission Discussion and Reports**
 - 1) Arts Initiatives
 - 2) Marketing and Education Topics
 - 3) Greenest Region Compact Initiatives
- I. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

- 1) Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 PM
- 2) Adjournment

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Special
Quorum: Yes

Date: February 1, 2021
Called to Order: 7:03 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:25 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Christina Coyle	Finance Director Staff Liaison	Present
Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	Absent
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Kelly Purvis	Planning Manager	Present
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 1, 2021 special 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 - None

III. SPRING NEWSLETTER CONTENT: Chairman Truitt asks the EC for topics to include in the Spring Newsletter. Commissioner Casazza suggests composting as a topic. Commissioner Umlauf suggests doing a year in review of EC initiatives; examples of this would be, number of cars that attended the Recycling Extravaganza, number of participants at the garden walk, number of plants sold at the Native Plant sale. This would show what we have done in the past while bringing future awareness to these initiatives. Chairman Truitt replies she likes the idea of adding metrics because it shows GE's commitment. Truitt adds, perhaps we can come up with an Environmental Commission statement or descriptive paragraph focusing on our initiatives and progress much like what Evanston has done. Chairman Truitt reads Evanston's EC statement. Chairman Truitt states she will check with Meghan to see how much space we will have in the newsletter.

IV. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT STREETScape PROJECT: Chairman Truitt reports that she reached out to the Morton Arboretum to review the tree list plan. She adds, the plan has 43% of the trees consisting of 3 species (Honeylocust, Maple and Zelcove). She would like to see more diversity. Chairman Truitt asks the EC for their thoughts on the tree list.

Commissioner Umlauf adds, I think they have done a good job of balancing the diversity requirements and putting in trees that are predictable and well behaved in the settings. I was happy with the number of larger trees they are putting in. We can ask them to look for more diversity where they can. This is a huge puzzle they have put together and they are very competent in how they have approached this.

Commissioner Meehan adds, I support the plan as presented to us. I like the guidelines they used.

The Glen Ellyn Environmental Commission is supportive of the tree list presented by Civil Tech with the consideration that they continue to follow the diversity guidelines provided by the Morton Arboretum and the CRTI and encourage further diversity where possible. We appreciate Civil Tech and the Public Works Department for all their efforts and their continued commitment to work together in order to develop the best tree plan for Glen Ellyn.

V. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A. Comprehensive Plan Workshop Discussion – Planning Manager Purvis reports that she has been working closely with the consultants on the Comprehensive Plan since 2018. This plan will be Glen Ellyn's 4th comprehensive plan. The useful life of a Comprehensive Plan is about 10-14 years. We have had a number of public meetings and documents available online as well as a website to receive feedback on the plan. This Comprehensive Plan is about 79 pages. I encourage you all to review the document to get a perspective of all the environmental recommendations. Tonight I will focus on 6 sections of the plan and their recommendations that pertain to the environmental commission (see attached presentation).

The sections I will be reviewing are:

1. Community appearance and character

2. Residential areas
3. Commercial areas (Downtown, Roosevelt Rd corridor, Stacy's corners)
4. Transportation
5. Community Facilities
6. Parks and Open Spaces

Community appearance and character recommendations are: minimize impact of parking lots with perimeter and interior landscaping, coordinate with utility companies to move overhead wires underground to protect tree canopy and continue the greening of Glen Ellyn by maintaining existing trees, reforestation and new landscaping. Chairman Truitt asks how these items become implemented. Purvis adds these are recommendations that then need to be codified and put into a specific plan that then needs to be brought before the board for further decisions.

Residential Areas recommendations: focuses on increasing diversity of housing more dense developments, increases # of dwelling units within walking distance of the train, incentivize the maintenance of older homes and multifamily developments while encouraging historic preservation, ensuring adequate stormwater management is included in all developments.

Commercial Area recommendations: ensure adequate stormwater management for all new developments, reduce impact of surface parking lots through landscaping, provide opportunities for bicyclists and pedestrians for better access to transit, encourage pocket parks and an open green development, apply dark sky lighting standards in transition areas.

Transportation recommendations: alternate modes of transportation, encourage Metra riding, car share, bike share within the village specifically downtown and COD, and connecting bike lanes

Community Facilities recommendations: improve stormwater management infrastructure, encourage the development of stormwater management facilities that provide maximum volume control and water quality.

Parks and Open Spaces recommendations: upgrade existing parks, encourage new parks, explore underutilized spaces, continue to preserve open spaces, use native plants throughout and continue reforestation.

Purvis asks the EC if they have any questions.

Commissioner Casazza asks, what role the EC plays as the Comprehensive Plan gets rolled out and how do we help. Purvis replies, once the Village Board approves the plan, any initiatives that were adopted the EC can start helping, supporting and collaborating. You can provide feedback on this Comprehensive Plan to me or Director Coyle.

Commissioner Umlauf adds, I like the attainable housing initiatives. It's important to keep a diverse community. Purvis adds we are going to have a task force that will be

working on attainable housing.

Purvis asks the EC if there was anything that the Comprehensive plan missed. Commissioner Umlauf replies trees on private property. Specifically the removal of trees that affect the tree canopy.

The EC thanks Purvis for tonight's presentation.

Director Coyle adds, the Comprehensive Plan's final public hearing with the plan commission will be on February 25, 2021. The board will have 2 meetings after that to discuss the plan. If the EC has any feedback you can give it on the website or let us know directly. If you could provide that feedback prior to the Village's March meeting that would be helpful. Once the board outlines its priorities, then the EC can align its efforts in accordance.

Chairman Truitt adds we will put this on our next meeting agenda to further discuss.

VI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on Tuesday February 23, 2021.
- B. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Meehan seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

MOVE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING FROM 1/26/2021

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Chairman Truitt

SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

AYES: Truitt, Abeln, Casazza, Meehan and Umlauf

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

JANUARY 26, 2021

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: January 26, 2021
Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:20 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Todd Birman	Commissioner	Present
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	Commissioner	Present
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	Present
Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	Absent
Rich Daubert	Professional Engineer	Present
Julius Hansen	Director of Public Works	Present
Phil Hutchinson	Civil Tech	Present
Kristin Kalitowski	Civil Tech	Present
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 26, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:04 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Zoom Call.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 15, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 12/15/2020

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Casazza

SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

AYES: Truitt, Abeln, Birman, Casazza, Meehan, Swanson, Umlauf

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Truitt reports we received applications to fill our student intern position. Director Coyle adds we are in the process of placing interns in the open positions. This will go before the board on February 8, 2021 for approval.

V. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

A. Streetscape Review and Discussion: Engineer Daubert introduces Phil Hutchison and Kristen Kalitowski from Civil Tech. He adds they will go through a presentation on the CBD streetscape. They are working closely with Public Works on the reforestation of downtown Glen Ellyn. Hutchinson reviews the latest developments on the design of the CBD Streetscape and Utility Project that was recently reviewed with the Village Board (see attached presentation). He adds tonight we will review the material recommendations and selection as well as tree species selection. The material selected for streetscape project is plain concrete with fire clay brick pavers in a herringbone design with a tumbled edge. Hutchinson shows the EC a perspective rendering of the material selection.

Tree Species Selection: Hutchinson reports a typical layout will have 35' tree spacing for a base of new tree planting. We will also have larger caliper trees in the plan that will give us more tree canopy. The planter paver grades that we have selected will result in a smaller opening and will maximize sidewalk space. We also want to have raised seat walls in some areas ranging from 6' wide and 10' long. This will give us an opportunity to have additional landscaping in them.

Challenges to a Healthy Urban Forest: Hutchinson reports, every generation will have a blight that affects a particular species of street trees. A healthy urban forest will have no more than 10% of any one species. When the next disease, drought, or invasive bug invasion occurs, the loss of one species will not dramatically change the street character. The current conditions of GE's urban forest are 66% of the 109 downtown trees are one of two species (53% Honeylocust, 13% Callery Pear). The CRTI and the Morton Arboretum Forest Services suggest 15% of tree single family, 10% single genus and 5% single species. The tree list we are recommending are within the ballpark of the guidelines the CRTI has suggested. Our recommended list of trees for the CBD Streetscape is comprised of 25 different species and will be relatively low maintenance. We are confident this list has a good mix of diversity (see attached tree list).

Hutchinson reviews suspended pavement. He states healthy trees need a lot of soil volume and an irrigation system which will be included. This irrigation system will require maintenance. In most cases the trees will be in suspended pavement. Hutchinson shows a map rendering of tree placement. Hutchinson asks the EC if they have any questions or comments.

Chairman Truitt asks have we budgeted for the additional landscaping in the seatwall planters. Hutchinson replies yes.

Commissioner Swanson asks is there anything we can do to educate the community as to why the trees will be coming down. Hutchinson relies Muse has built a project website that educates the public on the tree plan. Kalitowski adds we met with the Alliance and the Chamber last year and had discussions up until March when COVID hit. I agree we will need to start those discussions again and bring it back in front of everyone.

Commissioner Casazza adds, there is a website that does answer many of those questions that people would ask. We need to get the website out for more people to see. Many people do not know this website exists.

Director Hansen adds, if we could get an endorsement from this commission it would help and if you could do something formally to support it; I think it would go a long way in supporting the project. Trustee Pryde adds, I echo what Director Hansen said. Most of the trees in the downtown are 30+ years old and getting so large that the streetscape cannot support them. We are consistently reforesting. This is an appropriate time to replace them and the community would look to the EC for its support.

Chairman Truitt asks if trees will be diversified by block. Hutchinson replies, yes each location will be considered and it will be diversified throughout the downtown. There will be diversity by block to protect the urban forest. Also, the size of the tree will determine the size of the planter.

Chairman Truitt adds, I would like to have the Morton Arboretum sign off on the list of trees. Director Hansen replies, we tried to get them to sign off but they didn't say much. Commissioner Casazza adds, if we mention in our education to the community that we consulted with CRTI and the Morton Arboretum I think that would help gain support. Director Hansen adds, this plan is for the next 50 years and we are doing this work for the future generations of Glen Ellyn.

Commissioner Meehan asks what the commission can do to show its support. Engineer Daubert suggests the EC make a motion to support the tree species plan as presented. Chairman Truitt suggests finalizing the tree plan support motion at the EC special meeting on February 1, 2021 to allow the commission some time to further review the list presented.

Chairman Truitt asks what the lighting plan is for the Streetscape. Kalitowski replies, we are replacing all the poles and reusing the fixtures. The light spacing will

be similar to what it is now. Director Hansen adds, every fixture has the capability of being dark sky compliant. Chairman Truitt asks about festoon lighting. Hutchinson replies, festoon lighting will not be implemented over the roadway, only in parklets.

Chairman Truitt thanks Engineer Daubert and staff for their presentation tonight. The Environmental Commission will vote on the tree species plan next week.

B. Report on Arts Initiatives: Director Coyle will find out when the next meeting will be. Commissioner Umlauf adds we have until November 1st to submit our report.

C. Marketing & Education Topics: Staff Intern Beborra reports that Meghan needs topics by February 10th for the Spring Quarterly Newsletter. Director Coyle adds, she spoke with Meghan and she would like to shift EC topics to print and take a break from social media. She also asked if the EC is planning on doing the Recycling Extravaganza in April. Commissioner Abeln adds April may be too soon. It will take 2-3 months just to plan it and with the current pandemic it may be best to push it to the early fall. The EC agrees. Chairman Truitt will put the Recycling Extravaganza on the agenda for next month. She asks the EC to come up with some topics for the Spring Newsletter and bring them to Monday's special meeting so we can discuss.

D. Greenest Region Compact Initiatives: Chairman Truitt asks the EC if they have any reports on their initiatives.

Economic Development – Guidelines for Businesses (Green Building Manual): Commissioner Meehan reports that he and Commissioner Birman have made progress in the research phase. We are looking at other communities' guidelines to see what we can use. We are planning on meeting next week to discuss next steps. We hope to have a solid plan by the summer. Commissioner Birman asks the EC if they have any recommendations on what cities we should look at. Commissioner Umlauf states we have always looked at Oak Park.

Chairman Truitt reports we have done some research about Sustainable landscape for resident education and we are collaborating with the Park District. We will offer a series of presentations on topics that people can sign up for. Frigo adds we want to plan these presentations during what would have been our big earth day celebration. We want to pick topics that the EC is currently working on. We are trying to offer these talks in a safe way; and this will depend on where we are with the pandemic. We are trying to line up some speakers. The education session would be about 2-3 hours and attendees can decide which presentations they would like to attend.

VI. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Pryde reports, for the last month we have been focusing on the CBD Streetscape plan and the parking garage on Main Street. Last night we swore in Gary Fasules as the acting Village Board President. We are looking to move the CBD Streetscape project along and get it underway as soon as possible. The Village Board is looking to advance Phase 1 of the Streetscape project as early as May.

- VII. Staff Liaison Report** – Director Coyle reports that the Village is currently offering a series of Diversity & Inclusion talks via zoom. If anyone is interested the library has the information regarding the upcoming talks and schedule. The Environmental Commission will have a special meeting on Monday February 1, 2021 to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.
- VIII. Park District Liaison's Report** – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that the Park District is having a company come in to do an Urban Forest plan on Lake Ellyn Park. We hope to expand this out district wide. Currently 1/3 of our parks will be assessed and we hope to have this completed by the summer. Chairman Truitt asks what an Urban Forest Plan consists of. Frigo states, it consists of surveying and assessing every tree, looking at planting projects, tree diversification and preservation.
- IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment**
- A. A Special EC meeting will be held on Monday February 2, 2021.
- B. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Meehan seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

MOVE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING FROM 1/26/2021

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

AYES: Truitt, Abeln, Birman, Casazza, Meehan, Swanson And Umlauf

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle



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535 Duane Street
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Meeting 2/23/2021 7:00 PM

Department: Finance

Department Head:

Category: Discussion Item

Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2021-925)

DOC ID: 2021-925

Arts Initiatives

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2021-926)

DOC ID: 2021-926

Marketing and Education Topics

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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Meeting 2/23/2021 7:00 PM
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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2021-927)

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Greenest Region Compact Initiatives

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments: