Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
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 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.

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A. Call to Order

B. Public Participation

C. Minute Approval

1) June 22, 2021

D. Announcements

E. Staff Liaison's Report

F. Trustee Liaison's Report

G. Park District Liaison's Report

H. Commission Discussion & Reports

1) Sustainable Communities - Arts
Sustainable Communities - Mobility
Economic Development - Green Businesses
Waste - Recycling and Composting
Water - Water Treatment and Stormwater Management
Land Use - Greenscaping
Land Use - Stewardship of Trees

I. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

1) Next Meeting - August 17, 2021 (In-Person)
Adjournment

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

JUNE 22, 2021

Board or Commission:	Environmental	**Date:**	June 22, 2021
Meeting:	Regular	**Called to Order:**	7:07 p.m.
Quorum:	Yes	**Adjourned:**	9:25 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Absent
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Absent
Barbara Kwiatkowsky	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	Commissioner	Absent
Steve Swanson	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	
Kelli Christiansen	Village Trustee	
Mark Senak	Village President	
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 22, 2021 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 – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 18, 2021 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 5/18/2021

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Kwiatkowsky

SECONDER: Chairman Truitt

AYES: 5

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Truitt states we have a new Trustee Liaison Kelli Christiansen. She welcomes Trustee Christiansen to the Environmental Commission.

V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – Trustee Christiansen reports that we had our Village Board meeting last night and discussed the CBD Streetscape changes to the arrangement of 3 intersections (Main & Duane, Main & Crescent and Main & Pennsylvania) as they relate to removing right turn lanes. The construction on the CBD Streetscape will begin at the south end of Main and will start in 2022. The project will continue over the next 3 years. We also passed a moratorium on the sale of recreational cannabis that has been pushed out to September of this year. The 4th of July festivities are back on this year. The parade will be Sunday July 4th at noon starting at Glenbard West High School. Fireworks will start around 9:00 that evening. The Freedom Four run will kick off on July 4th at 7:00 am. The Intelligentsia Cup, a pro-cycling race with many teams of competitors, will take place on July 17 in the Lake Ellyn area.

Trustee Christensen states she is looking forward to working with the EC on their initiatives. Village President Senak adds he started out as a Trustee for the EC and he is encouraging all his Trustees to be active participants with their commissions. He adds the EC's work is very important to the Village. The Board has great respect for what the EC does and we want you to challenge the board and we will do the same to you. We ask that you review the CBD Streetscape project as well as the Comprehensive Plan and give us your feedback as it relates to environmental issues. He adds he asked Chairman Truitt to decide on what this commission wants to do from a project standpoint and what amount of money you will need. Budget time is approaching and now is the time to put in these requests. He adds our Village will be Dark Sky compliant in the next week. It is initiatives like this that can make a big difference. Environmental awareness is part of the Glen Ellyn brand. It's what brings new families to GE and when we do that, it brings economic development and prosperity to GE. What the EC does feeds directly into the master comprehensive plan of creating a positive brand for Glen Ellyn. I look forward to working with this commission. Chairman Truitt thanks Village President Senak for his partnership and support.

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Staff Intern Bebora reports the property owner at Katie's Boutique has signed off on the agreement for the mural. The Village Board will vote on the mural on July 19. Bebora shows the EC a photo of what the mural will look like. Commissioner Swanson asks how long our meetings will continue on Zoom. Trustee Christiansen states that the Governor's Executive Order for remote participation expires on June 26. Staff Intern Bebora will look into this.

VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT – No report

VIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

A. Arts Initiatives:

1. COD Partnership: Commissioner Umlauf reports that COD is working with the Library, the Chamber and the Downtown GE Alliance to come up with a list of long and short term projects. She adds at this time there has not been anything confirmed where the EC would participate.

2. Utilities Beautification: Commissioner Kwiatkowsky reports she and Bill Miller from the Park District met with John Quinn from AT&T to discuss the possibility of putting artwork on the utility box outside of the library. They did agree that the box needed maintenance and agreed to do that. He was not happy with the idea of putting artwork on the box. The repainting of the box will be completed this week. I have done some research and have found that Elgin has wrapped their boxes with artwork. Chairman Truitt likes the idea of installing wraps on the utility boxes around town. Trustee Christiansen adds it would depend on the cost associated to do this and how long the wraps last. This would be nice to have but not a necessity. Commissioner Kwiatkowsky will do more research on this initiative.

B. *Education Topics:*

1. Commissioner Swanson reports that we had our Garden Walk/Pollinator talks. In total we had four attendees. We had a plant giveaway at the end. The balance of the plants was planted around town. We wish we had more attendees. Chairman Truitt asks if we could record the talk and put it on our website. Swanson states yes it may add more value to do that. Chairman Truitt adds our larger initiative for this was to get residents to our parks and introduce them to our gardens. Commissioner Swanson adds if we want to have a Home Grown National Park then we should do just that; offer something bigger that draws people to it. Trustee Christiansen adds there are some areas in the Village that could be pocket parks (i.e. SW corner of Prospect and Pennsylvania, Shock Park and Panfish Park). Chairman Truitt asks the EC if we want to offer a Garden Tour in July or August. Commissioner Umlauf adds not at this time, we haven't gotten enough participation from residents. Trustee Christiansen adds perhaps you could look to future partner with the Historic Preservation Commission and do Historic Homes & Gardens. The EC supports that and will look to put that as an initiative for next year.

2. Go Green Glen Ellyn Chapter & Other Partnering Opportunities: Chairman Truitt reports that the Rotary Club has reached out to her and would like to partner with the EC on environmental inititatives. I will invite them to come and talk with us about topics we want to prioritize together.

3. Green Gatherings: Chairman Truitt reports the Green Gathering that took place on June 9th at the library with the Morton Arboretum presenting Healthy Homes is now on the library's website. The next Green Gathering - Healthy Hedges September 8; Trinity Pierce will present a region wide initiative on eliminating buckthorn and what to plant in its place. October Green Gathering topic will be on promoting Oaks. The Library is considering doing a book club surrounding this topic.

C. Greenest Region Compact Initiatives – Waste/Recycling/Composting

1. Green Building Guidelines & Home Recognition Program: No report

2. Discussion of GWA Energy Neutral Initiative: Village President Senak reports the GWA's goal is to get to an energy neutral position. This means they want to use all the energy they generate. The amount of energy used to treat wastewater is substantial. The more we can drive that energy down, the more we can reduce our carbon footprint. If we can accomplish this, it would be good for the Village. I am asking the EC to help with this effort. Chairman Truitt adds the value we can add is not from the technical knowledge of what to do. It is helping with the comparisons of what other townships are doing and working with the GRC in obtaining that information. Commissioner Abeln volunteers to spearhead a subcommittee for this initiative.

3. Recycling Extravaganza: Commission Abeln reports that he is still waiting on a confirmation on the COD location. The event is on September 18th from 9:00-1:00. He is looking for the EC to volunteer and help on that day. He adds he has been in touch with the vendors and they are ready to participate. He asks who is responsible for promoting this event and will we be displaying posters around town. Trustee Christiansen adds this could be promoted at the Taste of Glen Ellyn as well as put on social media and the Village website/newsletter. Chairman Truitt adds the Recycling Event is a great opportunity to educate our residents on future events and initiatives the EC is working on. Staff Intern Bebora will look into whether the location at COD has been confirmed. Commissioner Swanson adds with the plant sale pick up the following weekend perhaps we could combine these two events at the same location. If we are unable to do it this year, perhaps we can plan on combining the events next year.

4. Promoting Curbside Composting: Chairman Truitt reports that with the increase in methane gases from decomposing food in our landfills, this is an initiative that we should continue to promote in Glen Ellyn.

D. Land Use/ Stewardship of Trees: Chairman Truitt reports that tree preservation is an initiative that we should continue to pursue as long as the Village Board is receptive to it. Commissioner Umlauf adds the ordinances on tree preservation are currently in place, but the enforcement is not. Trustee Christiansen adds in the past the Village board had no interest in enforcing the ordinances. The current board seems much more open to the prospect. She adds you also may want to partner with the Historic Preservation Commission on this initiative because of their knowledge on Heritage Trees

Chairman Truitt states she will recap the EC initiatives and send them out to all the commissioners for review.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on July 20, 2021.

B. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Abeln seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

MOVE TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING FROM 6/22/2021
RESULT: Motion unanimously carried
MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf
SECONDER: Commissioner Abeln
AYES: Truitt, Abeln, Kwiatkowsky, Swanson, Umlauf

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Rodman

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

Meeting 7/20/2021 7:00 PM
Department: Administration
Department Head:
Category: Other
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2021-1274)

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Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments: