

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 17, 2020

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: June 17, 2020
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Craig Pryde	Liaison Trustee	Absent
Bill Holmer	Assistant Village Manager	Present
Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	Present
Dave Hoover	Electric Aggregation Consultant	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **June 17, 2020** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at **7:00 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 2/18/2019

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Casazza

SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Assistant Village Manager Holmer announces we have a new administrative intern Elijah Bebora, who joined with us a week ago. Elijah Bebora is from NIU. He is studying Public Administration with an emphasis on state and local government. The EC welcomes Elijah to the team.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Electric Aggregation – Provide Recommendation for the June 22 Village Board Meeting* – Assistant Village Manager Holmer reports that our electric aggregation contract expires in October. It is around this time that we start seeking bids for a new contract. The point of electric aggregation is to get a less expensive rate for electricity. This year we want to go with renewable power. This often times is a little more in price. This year is a little different. Tonight Dave Hoover from the consulting group will explain what is going on. We are looking for the EC to weigh in on this so we can bring it before the board on June 22nd.

Dave Hoover presents Municipal Electric Aggregation. This is where the municipality negotiates favorable rates for residents and often times these rates are lower than Com-ed. However over the past few years as Com-Ed has gotten closer to the marketplace, our rates have gotten slightly higher than the Com-Ed fixed rate (7.33 cents vs 7.2 cents). As we look at the next 12 months, Com-Ed rate is anywhere between 6.4 cents-7.4 cents. We came in with a fixed rate of 7 cents. We normally would ask do we want to pay that much of a premium or do we want to go back to Com-Ed. We started to work with one of our suppliers to come up with an alternate program that assumes various scenarios. If baseline residents will pay the Com-Ed rates, the program would match those rates on a monthly basis. The supplier would offer a combination of green energy and a civic contribution. The green energy offered would be 10% above and beyond what Com-Ed would be offering. Currently Com-Ed offers 17% green energy (state mandated minimum). In addition, the program offers an annual Civic contribution which is a pot of money for the municipality to use for whatever it chooses. It could be used to buy more green energy or it could be used where ever the municipality needed it. There are no stipulations on how to spend this civic contribution. Commissioner Casazza asks where Glen Ellyn is with its current green energy. Hoover replies GE is 100% green. Hoover reviews the rates and civic contributions of two suppliers - Eligo and MC Squared. After reviewing the rates, Commissioner Abeln asks how can Eligo charge these rates and offer the civic contribution. Hoover replies once a year Eligo can shift less profitable residents back to Com-Ed (up to 5% of the customers) in order to make money to have the funds for

the civic contribution. The EC reviewed and discussed the information presented. The EC supports a 24 month contract of 100% Green Com-Ed price match aggregation with an annual civic contribution with Eligo.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. None

B. Education

1. Fall “Green Gathering” Conversations – Next Steps – These are postponed until we can offer them back at the library.
2. Sustainable Garden Walk 2020 Cancelled – Ideas for summer education – Chairman Truitt reports we are looking to put a list of the native plants we are offering at the native plant sale on our website to educate our residents on the upcoming sale offerings.
3. Fall Native Plant/Shrub Sale – Chairman Truitt reports that residents will be able to preorder trees and shrubs. Pickup will be on September 26th at the Sunset Pool parking lot. The park district also has some left over rain barrels that they will also be offering at the sale.
4. Next Village Newsletter – Articles- Chairman Truitt asks the EC to think of articles that we can put in the newsletter. She will reach out to Meghan to see what the timeframe would be to submit articles.

C. Sustainability

1. Marketing of Composting and Recycling Suggestions - Commissioner Casazza asks if we can put recycling & compost articles and/or reminders out on E-News or a blurb on the village website. Chairman Truitt will reach out to Meghan about these ideas and find out what the time frame is as well.
2. Recycling Extravaganza – Chairman Truitt asks the EC if we still want to offer this event this year. If so when would be the best date? Commissioner Abeln will reach out to vendors to see if there is an interest in participating again this year. If so, potential dates to offer this event would be September 19th or September 26th.
3. Grant Funded Educational Garden Update – Commissioner Umlauf reports that we have developed a plan and we are going to put in 2 gardens. One at Village Green and one at the Boathouse. We are looking to see how we will purchase and order the plants. Once we get the plants we can get started. We are looking for an August/September timeline for plant installation. The Park District is also

looking into signage with QR codes to further assist with the education piece of this project.

4. Greenest Region Compact – Commissioner Abeln reports that he will meet with Edith Makra next week. Commissioner Meehan adds he would be interested in helping with this initiative.

D. Outreach

1. French Market – Chairman Truitt reports that there are enough volunteers for this event and they do not need any volunteers from the EC.

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – Assistant Village Manager reports that the city is moving forward with the Parking Garage. CBD streetscape timeline has been pushed back from a budget perspective. There is still a lot of engineering going on with this project. Apex is still in litigation. 5G in Glen Ellyn is a hot topic right now but no real updates.

The EC thanks the village for all their hard work on helping out the businesses and setting up outdoor dining. Assistant Village Manager Holmer adds the tents and tables will likely remain up into the fall to further help the businesses.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on July 21, 2020.
- B. Commissioner Truitt motions and Commissioner Meehan seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer