

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 21, 2020

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: July 21, 2020
Called to Order: 7:10 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:15 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
Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	Absent
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Present
PUBLIC		
Paul G	Consultant for GE VHP Group	
Nancy Perlman	GE resident – VHP Group	
Diana Kelfas	GE resident – VHP Group	
Adrienne Gregory	GE resident	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 21, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:10 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

1. Presentation by Glen Ellyn VHP Group – The VHP group presents to the EC the Environmental Impact of 4G/5G (see attached presentation) Resident Perlman reviews the agenda for tonight's meeting:

1. Every single wireless telecommunications facility must undergo NEPA Review
2. Vertical Horizontal Power
3. Village of GE has police powers to protect public by capping ERP
4. Wireline Broadband & Wireless Broadband are not functionally equivalent services

Upon completion of the presentation, VHP is asking that the Village of GE:

1. Pass a power cap ordinance.
2. Perform wireless signal strength need test
3. Place a Moratorium on 4G/5G installation due to COVID19

Currently we have a state law that takes the power away from municipalities. The current state bill can self-repeal and VHP group is asking the Village of GE to push to get that done.

The EC thanks the GE VHP group for tonight's presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 17, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 6/17/2020

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Meehan

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. *New Staff Liaison for Environmental Commission*– Chairman Truitt announces yesterday was Assistant Village Manager Holmer's last day. He has accepted a Police Chief position with the Village of Carol Stream. Our new staff liaison in the interim will be Finance Director Christina Coyle.

B. *Commissioner Resignation from the EC* – Commissioner Truitt announces that Mike Malone has resigned from the EC. We wish him well and thank him for his service. He will continue to work with the Glen Ellyn Fund.

C. *Environmental Commission Recommendation for Green Energy Savings to Fund Sustainable Community Initiatives* - Adrienne Gregory reports that Adam Kreuzer spoke with Mark Franz about creating an Art Group that consists of Glen Ellyn residents and has asked Adrienne to be a part of it. She adds this group would work on art for GE. However, if there are no funds there will be no art. She adds perhaps we can syphon funds from the Food and Beverage Tax or fund it through construction projects. Gregory adds Adam Kreuzer is cautiously optimistic about this initiative. We wanted to let the EC know about this initiative and if you have any questions you can contact me. Chairman Truitt adds the initiative of Green Energy savings can help fund these community initiatives.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Environmental Impact Discussion of 4G/5G* – Chairman Truitt asks the EC for feedback on the 4G/5G presentation from VHP group. Commissioner Meehan adds he would like to educate ourselves more on this topic before endorsing one way or another as a commission. Chairman Truitt adds there is enough of an impact from a health and environmental perspective and agrees we need to educate ourselves more. We should also see what research other towns have and perhaps they can share that with Glen Ellyn. Chairman Truitt asks Commissioner Abeln to check with the GRC regarding this topic. Commissioner Abeln will contact Edith Makra to see if they have any information. Chairman Truitt will put this on the agenda for next month.

B. *Environmental Impact of Building Renovation vs Demolition* – Chairman Truitt reports that Trustee Senak has asked the EC to provide a statement regarding building renovation vs demolition and how each effect the environment. Currently the McKee house is being considered for renovation and demolition. Perhaps this statement would be about this specific project. Truitt asks if the EC is prepared to make a statement either way. The EC discusses and agrees more research needs to be done on this topic. Chairman Truitt will reach out to Trustee Senak for more clarification as to whether this is a general statement or specific to the McKee project. Chairman Truitt will put this on the agenda for next month to discuss the environmental impact of renovation vs demolition so the EC can come up with a recommendation.

C. *Call for New Commissioners* – Chairman Truitt reports that we currently have 2 vacant commissioner positions. She asks the EC If you know of anyone who has submitted an application to please let her know. Commissioner Meehan adds in the past we have interviewed the candidates once applications have been reviewed. Chairman Truitt will look to see what applications have been submitted to the village.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Advisory/Development

1. None

B. Education

1. Fall “Green Gathering” Conversations at GEPL – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she would like to continue these in person conversations again when we are able to. Umlauf we will reach out to the Glen Ellyn Public Library to let them know so they are ready. Umlauf adds we need to come up with ideas for next month.

C. Sustainability

1. Village Marketing Opportunities - Commissioner Casazza reports that she has met with Meghan and Meghan is happy to help out. She will be putting out a recycling communication in the fall and will help get short reminders out there. We are also going to look at past campaigns. We are able to do longer articles seasonally. Staff Intern Bebora will also be doing a weekly social media campaign that will be

a great resource for us as well.

2. Recycling Extravaganza – Chairman Truitt reports that this event is now planned for spring 2021.
3. Signage for Grant Funded Educational Garden – Commissioner Umlauf reports developing garden signage is the next step. The gardens are in. We need to find out who designs and installs these signs and do we want to make them cohesive with the Lake Ellyn signage. Perhaps the Park District can help with designing and installation. Park District Liaison Frigo adds she will bring this up at her meeting tomorrow. But you would have to supply the content and maybe you could use our vendors. Commissioner Umlauf adds we have \$3,000 left in our budget to help pay for it. Commissioner Umlauf will get the content to Courtney.
4. Greenest Region Compact Resolution – Next Steps – Commissioner Abeln reports that he will speak with GRC about this initiative.
5. Fall Initiatives with Park District – Park District Liaison Frigo reports floating islands have been put in Lake Ellyn. These islands help filter out storm water and lake pollutants and acts as habitats. We have updated our QR codes on our signs around Lake Ellyn. We lost some of our oak trees around Lake Ellyn and are currently working with a tree company and a private donor to update our tree inventory. We are moving forward with the tree sale in the fall. We've received a grant that will help with our pollinators at Mary Knoll Park as well as help increase our plant diversity.

D. Outreach - None

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – No report

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – No report

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on August 18, 2020.

B. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Meehan seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle