Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 15, 2020
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

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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I. Call To Order

II. Public Participation

III. Minute Approval

1. August 18, 2020 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

IV. Announcements

1. New Commissioner

V. Commission Discussion and Reports

1. Discuss Greenest Region Compact Initiatives
2. Report on Recycling Marketing
3. Report on Arts Initiatives
4. Report on Park District Initiatives

VI. Trustee Liaison's Report

VII. Staff Liaison's Report

VIII. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

A. The next Environmental Commission Meeting is planned for October 13, 2020
B. Adjournment

Environmental Commission
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting: 09/15/20 07:00 PM
Department: Environmental Commission
Department Head: Christina Coyle
Category: Minutes
Prepared By: Lindsey Kaminsky

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 4627) DOC ID: 4627

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Please see the attached minutes.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Aug 2020 Environmental Commission Minutes (PDF)

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 18, 2020

Board or Commission:	Environmental	**Date:**	August 18, 2020
Meeting:	Regular	**Called to Order:**	7:00 p.m.
Quorum:	Yes	**Adjourned:**	8:13 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	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
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center via Zoom Call. She welcomes Finance Director Coyle to the meeting and thanks her for assuming the Staff Liaison role for the interim.

Finance Director Coyle adds this meeting is being held remotely via Zoom due to the Covid-19 Disaster Declaration.

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II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM July 21, 2020 MEETING

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 7/21/2020

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Meehan

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Chairman Truitt reports that we may have some more candidates for the open commissioner positions. Finance Director Coyle adds that she has reached out to two of the candidates to see if they are still interested in the position. She has heard back from one and will have a phone interview with that candidate on Thursday. She is still waiting to hear back from the other candidate. The goal would be to put them on the board agenda for Monday for a confirmation. Chairman Truitt would like to speak with them on Thursday as well. Finance Director Coyle will let her know when the call will take place and will add her to the call.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. *Forestry Grant* – Chairman Truitt reports that we were made aware of this grant with the Morton Arboretum. This grant is for funding tree inventory/identification. It does not include funding for planting and application. The grant amount ranges from $3,000-$20,000. The grant application must be submitted by the end of September. Trustee Pryde adds if this is for forestry, I would forward this onto Public Works Director Julius Hansen. Directory Coyle adds we currently have a village tree inventory already and we may not qualify for this grant but it could be something the Park District can use. She adds she will look at it and forward it to Public Works. Chairman Truitt will forward the information to Finance Director Coyle.

B. *Workshop on EC Strategic Initiatives* – Chairman Truitt asks the EC for some input on initiatives to put on the 3 year plan. We can look at our GRC for potential initiatives. Director Coyle adds she has reviewed the GRC and as a village we have completed many of the items on the checklist. We should highlight and celebrate the ways we are being mindful of the environment and let's take credit for what we've done and continue to do as a Village.

Commissioner Casazza adds composting could be a great initiative. Not many people know about it or take advantage of it. Director Coyle adds of the 7,800 refuse accounts, 318 compost. Commissioner Casazza adds that's about 4%, perhaps our

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initiative could be 10% composting accounts. She asks it possible to do a survey monkey and have residents weigh in on the environmental issues that are important to them. Then we as a commission could focus on those items. Director Coyle adds it is something we could do, but would want to offer a framework of what we want to ask and narrow down the topics. Perhaps we could give options of topics and have the community rank them in order of importance.

Commissioner Umlauf adds we've talked about offering a ½ day celebration of what we've accomplished as a commission/village from an environmental standpoint. Trustee Pryde adds anything you want to champion or celebrate you could use the village newsletter/e-blast. Director Coyle adds she could go through the GRC checklist and let the EC know what items the village is already doing. Commissioner Meehan adds he would love to do a deep dive on the GRC and compare ourselves to other villages and rank GE against other communities. We could also identify areas where we have opportunities. Chairman Truitt adds these are great ideas and will keep the strategic initiatives on the agenda for next month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. *Advisory/Development*

1. VHP and State Bill-Chairman Truitt reports the VHP group believes there is an environmental health concern with 5G. We are hoping the group could partner with the district representative to put a bill through at the state level. Director Coyle adds this really has to be taken up at the state level. There is an FAQ regarding 5G that is on the village website.

2. Environmental Impact of Building Renovation vs. Demolition-Chairman Truitt will compile a report based on facts as well as including EC responses. She adds from an EC perspective we would look at the cost of materials as well as the building's historical impact when considering renovation vs demolition.

B. *Education*

1. Fall "Green Gathering" Conversations at GEPL – Chairman Truitt reports that she spoke with Heather McHammond from the GEPL and there will be no in person gatherings at this time. Their fall programming is all booked up. But we can put on our own event using zoom, but they would not be able to do the marketing for us. She adds perhaps we just hold off for spring and offer some topics we didn't get to do this past spring such as sustainable gardening, landscaping and water management.

C. *Sustainability*

1. Recycling Education via Village Social Media – Chairman Truitt reports Staff Intern Bebora is working on this. She asks Commissioner Casazza to work with Elijah on this to give him guidance on the messages we would like to put out on social media. We want to put out 10 messages over 10 weeks. We also want to keep these messages brief.

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2. Recycling Extravaganza – No report.

3. Signage for Grant Funded Educational Garden – Commissioner Umlauf shows the EC a mockup of the information that will pop up when the QR code is scanned. The Park District has been a great help with the labor of this project. Commissioner Umlauf adds as a result of the park district's help we have some money left in our budget.

4. Greenest Region Compact Resolution – No report.

5. Fall Initiatives with Park District – Native Tree and Shrub Sale – Chairman Truitt reports the sale has begun and the order deadline is September 18th. We now want to promote this sale. Director Coyle will pass this information on to Meghan to get this event promoted on the village website.

D. Outreach - None

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Pryde reports the Avere project is moving along. We won the Apex lawsuit and it is gaining momentum and will move forward as originally planned. Civic Center parking garage is underway. We will issue 10 million more in bonds to go to the board on Monday. The board is starting to look at the CBD streetscape which has been postponed for 1 year and will start after the Frida Kahlo exhibit. We are doing well at getting grant funding for the train station project. We are looking for a replacement for Bill Holmer's Assistant Village Manager position. He will definitely be missed as an administrator but we know he will be a great Police Chief for Carol Stream. We approved a new electric bill aggregation. As a board we are responsive to our residents from a rate perspective. We went with 100% green energy.

VIII. Staff Liaison Report – Director Coyle reports we are in the process of replacing Bill Holmer's Assistant Village Manager position. We have interviews set up next week. We hope to have a replacement by October 1st. We are also looking to see how we can extend outdoor dining into the fall by keeping the tent up and adding heaters. This will continue to help the businesses into the fall season. The mockups for the streetscape will be going to the board on Monday. I encourage you to go look at them and give us your feedback.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on September 15, 2020.

B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Meehan seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Coyle

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