

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 17th, 2021

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: August 17, 2021
Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:37 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Absent
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowski	Commissioner	Present
David Meehan	Commissioner	Present
Steve Swanson	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Absent

Also Present:

Elijah Bebora	Staff Intern	
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	
Katie Hardesty	Glenbard West Student Eco Club Intern	
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

A motion was made by Commissioner Casazza and seconded by Commissioner Swanson to appoint Commissioner Meehan as Chairman Pro Tem for the August 17, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission.

MOVE TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MEEHAN AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Casazza

SECONDER: Commissioner Swanson

AYES: 5

The August 17, 2021 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Pro Tem Meehan at 7:02 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 22, 2021 and July 20, 2021 MEETING –
Commissioner Swanson motions and Commissioner Daly seconds the motion to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021 and July 20, 2021.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 6/22/2021 & 7/20/2021

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Swanson

SECONDER: Commissioner Daly

AYES: 5

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – No report

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Intern Beborra spoke to Meredith Hannah regarding the music at the mural unveiling ceremony and she said it is not possible because there is not a speaker system.

VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT – Liaison Frigo reports she was approached by COD for the outdoor movie in the park. It will be on September 14th at the Sustainability Fair at Lake Ellyn Park and the documentary, *Kiss the Ground* will be featured. There will be various invited organizations to speak on sustainability 1 hour before the showing and the last 15 minutes after the film will be a Q&A. The EC will have a table set up to share information on composting during that hour. The other groups that will be participating are the COD Culinary Department, Fuel Garden and Pantry, Horticultural Department, Prairie Food Cooperation, Sustain DuPage, and Resiliency Group. A flier will be put together to promote this event. The EC should be ready to go at 6:30-7:30. Set-up will be at 5:45, the movie will be from 7:30-8:15, and the Q&A will be at 8:15-8:30. September 18th is the rain date. Commissioner Casazza volunteers to be at this event. She suggests having a QR code for residents to order their composting bin. She also encourages handing out the recycling pamphlets that Commissioner Umlauf has. Commissioner Daly also volunteers to help on September 14th.

Native Tree and Shrub Sale: The Conservation Foundation organized online ordering which started on Sunday. This will be advertised on the Conservation Foundation website, the Park District's website, and in Glen Ellyn publications. The sale will go through September 15th. Liaison Frigo states we will need a few people to help with this event on Saturday the 25th from 9:00-11:00. Volunteers will need to arrive by

8:30 at Sunset Pool. Commissioners Daly and Swanson volunteer to help.

VIII. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

A. Sustainable Communities:

1. Arts: Commissioner Kwiatkowski reports the library utility boxes have been painted. She will talk with the External Affairs department at AT&T to discuss the wraps for about 6 boxes. All boxes need maintenance and she is working on getting those utility companies to maintain and repaint. She will reestablish with AT&T and the External Affairs department for the approval of the wraps and artwork on the boxes.

2. Mobility: Commissioner Daly reports on the East Branch DuPage River Trail initiative. She scheduled a meeting with Chris Sneider and will know more next week after her meeting.

B. Economic Development:

1. *Green Businesses:* Commissioner Casazza reports she and Commissioner Umlauf met and decided to meet with businesses to help them promote how they are being sustainable. We met with the Alliance of Downtown and Chamber of Commerce; both were receptive to the idea. Our goal is to go to a meeting with the businesses and then draft up the guidelines. Commissioner Casazza asks the EC to take note of any businesses that are doing anything worthy in the way of sustainability and report back.

Commissioner Casazza reports that at the Taste of Glen Ellyn there was not a way for attendees to recycle their aluminum cans. Commissioner Swanson states the EC should pass a resolution mandating recycling at all Village Events. Commissioner Meehan states we need to determine who is responsible in the Village to make sure recycling happens.

Commissioner Swanson motions to recommend the Village mandates the recycling of aluminum cans at all Village events, Commissioner Daly seconds the motion.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND THE VILLAGE MANDATES RECYCLING OF ALLUMINUM CANS AT ALL VILLAGE EVENTS

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Swanson

SECONDER: Commissioner Daly

Commissioner Kwiatkowski reports on the Recognition Program. She suggests offering a questionnaire on business sustainability and using a point scale to award the recognition status (i.e. bronze, silver, and gold) for the businesses and their efforts toward a more sustainable environment. She will continue to do research for this initiative.

C. Waste:

1. Recycling and Composting: Commissioner Meehan spoke with Commissioner Abeln about the Recycling Extravaganza. Abeln reported that he is on top of the vendors, but is unsure if the COD lot has been secured. He also asked if the flyer is complete and asked who provides the tables for the event.

Commissioner Daly states that the flyer has been started and was recently sent to Commissioner Abeln.

Commissioner Meehan states in the past the Assistant Village Manager has handled all of the table requests and the various departments within the village that need to take part in the event.

Intern Bebora will ask Emily Rodman about the COD lot and the Village infrastructure for this event. Commissioner Meehan adds all EC Commissioners should volunteer for this event since it is our biggest event. It will take place September 18th from 9:00-1:00.

D. Water:

1. Water Treatment and Stormwater Management: No report

E. Land Use:

1. Greenscaping: Commissioner Swanson reports we can discuss the redefinition of this project when Chairman Truitt and Commissioner Umlauf are in attendance. Commissioner Meehan adds we will add Village Sustainability Plan on the agenda for our next meeting.

2. Stewardship of Trees: No report

IX. OLD BUSINESS – None

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting will be held on September 21, 2021.

B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Swanson seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Rodman