



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
7:00 PM
via Teleconference

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

- 1) Submitted Public Comment (Attached)

C. Minute Approval

- 1) December 7, 2021

D. Commission Liaison Reports

- 1) Trustee Liaison
- 2) Park District Liaison
- 3) Staff Liaison

E. Announcements

- 1) Green Landscaping with Green Energy (Guest Speaker)
- 2) DuPage Foundation - Call for Grant Applications (Attached)

F. Commission Reports

- 1) Sustainable Communities/Arts & Mobility
- 2) Economic Development/Green Business - Review Commissioner Kwiatkowski's Program (included in packet)
- 3) Land Use/Greenscaping - Plan 2022 Events

- 4) Waste/Recycling & Composting - Social Media Marketing
- 5) Water & Energy - Report from Commissioner Swanson on Waste Water Management Next Steps: Green Energy Opportunity

G. Workshop

- 1) Educational Program at GE Library - Workshop on Content
- 2) GE Environmental Report - Workshop on Categories and Measurements

H. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- 1) February 15, 2022



Public Comment - Environmental Commission

Village of Glen Ellyn

Submitted On:
January 18, 2022 9:13am
America/Chicago

Name	Jeff Gahris
Organization	DuPage Clean Energy Coalition
Email	jgahris@gmail.com
Address	1826 E Willow Ave Wheaton IL 60187
Meeting Date	January 18, 2022
Agenda Item or Subject	Residential solar permitting
Comment	I understand tonight's meeting is cancelled, but I would like to recommend that the Village give consideration to adopting the new residential solar permitting software developed by the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), known as SolarAPP+. It streamlines the process dramatically, reduces staff time and potential backlogs, and assures safe installations. The software is free, and comes with training by NREL staff. I have more information that I will be happy to share with you.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 7, 2021

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: December 7, 2021
Called to Order: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:22 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Emily Rodman	Assistant Village Manager	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Katie Hardesty	Glenbard West Student Eco Club Intern	
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **December 7, 2021** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at **7:05 PM** at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 19, 2021 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Swanson motions and Commissioner Kwiatkowski seconds the motion to approve the minutes from October 19, 2021.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 10/19/2021

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Swanson

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Assistant Village Manager Rodman introduces John Hubsy, Assistant Public Works Director, who will be the new staff liaison to the EC. Hubsy states he has worked for Glen Ellyn for 9 years and recently moved up to the Assistant Public Works Director position. He received his undergraduate degree in Resource Ecology & Management from the University of Michigan. Chairman Truitt welcomes Hubsy to this role and thanks Assistant Village Manager Rodman for her partnership and service with the EC this past year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November – Decorating the Library Tree – Umlauf reports that she has decorated the tree at the library with grass blooms and hydrangeas.

January – Green Gathering at the Library – Chairman Truitt reports the library will be giving us one date a quarter to discuss EC topics via zoom. Commissioner Casazza asks the EC if anyone would like to volunteer to be a speaker at the next event. She would like 2-3 speakers. She adds the topics we are considering center around New Year's resolutions: nature walks, eating healthy, decluttering, and saving money. January 19th will be the first discussion 7:00-8:00 pm. Commissioners Daly, Kwiatkowski and Chairman Truitt volunteer to be speakers. The next scheduled Green Gathering topic is Greener Yards on April 7.

February – EC Scorecard- Chairman Truitt asks the EC to start to think about what categories within the EC scorecard, measurements and progress the village has made that we can highlight and promote in the village newsletter.

- V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT** – Trustee Christiansen reports the village board passed a budget. The Holiday Pop-up Bar is open at Reserve 22. The village board approved the HVAC for the Apex 400 building. Polar Plaza is up and running and it has a new curling feature. McKee House - the Midwest Soaring Foundation is looking to turn it into a Native American Environmental Education Center. They are working on raising funds. They are required to have the building occupied by October 2022. There will be a land acknowledgment ceremony on December 18 10:30-12:00.

- VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT** – No report.

- VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT** – Frigo reports the Park District has started its holiday light recycling program. Our board approved to hire another full-time person for environmental outreach and help with social media. We had our pumpkin smash event. We had over 1,000 pumpkins. Our winter lecture series will be conducted in-person every other Thursday in the winter months. There will be presentations on birds, growing food in containers, dark skies, and the DuPage Monarch Project. We are also planning our spring programs, which include Earth Day. Frigo asks if the EC would like to partner with the Park District again on this event. Frigo states she has reserved the boathouse for April 24. The boathouse event could accommodate as an indoor spot for potential lectures. All other demonstrations, walks and films will be held outside. The EC agrees to take part in the Earth Day event.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Open Meetings Act (OMA) Training – Assistant Village Manager Rodman reviews the Open Meetings Act with the EC. She states all meetings must have 48-hour advance notice and must be posted on the village website. The number of commissioners who can gather is dependent on the majority of a quorum. In the case of the EC, it is three people. Three or more commission members cannot gather and discuss EC business unless an agenda is posted and minutes are taken. There must also be a staff member & recording secretary present under the village code. Rodman also reviews FOIA with the EC.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Commission Discussion and Reports

A. Sustainable Communities/Arts & Mobility:

1. Liaison to COD Arts Committee – No report

2. Utilities Beautification Program – Commissioner Kwiatkowsky reports she spoke with AT&T and they are not going to wrap the utility boxes due to liability issues, ongoing maintenance and budget. They will continue to maintain the boxes.

3. EBRT - No report.

B. Economic Development/ Green Business:

1. *Business Recognition Program:* Assistant Village Manager Rodman suggests the EC get approval from the village board for this program. She suggests submitting a memo explaining the program for the village board to review at a workshop. Rodman adds it would also be helpful to have a member of the EC at the workshop in case there are questions about the program. Once the board approves the Business Recognition program, we can post the information on the village website. Commissioner Kwiatkowsky states she will write the informational memo. She adds we would like to vote on the nominations in May and present the awards in June. Commissioner Casazza states she will reach out to the Chamber to help get the word out about the recognition program and process.

C. Waste Recycling & Composting:

1. *Recommendation to Offer Aluminum/ Glass Recycling at Village Events* – Chairman Truitt will check with Trustee Christiansen to see if this was discussed at any of village board meetings or workshops. Commissioners Swanson and Casazza volunteer to look into how other communities are recycling at their events.

2. *Water Treatment & Management* Commissioner Swanson reports that he met Matt Striker and he is very interested in taking part in this initiative. He said they actually put energy back into the grid. I contacted U of I Smart Energy Assistant Center. They offer free services to municipalities that want to become more energy efficient. They are meeting to see what their office can do and are putting together a roadmap. They will also assist in putting together grant money. I spoke with Sean Casten and he will do what he can to secure funds if they become

available. U of I is working on a proposal and if there is money out there, we can pursue it. I have let President Senak know where we are at with this and am waiting to hear back from him.

3. Recycling Extravaganza – Tentative date of April 30.

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting - January 11, 2022.

B. Commissioner Daly motions and Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Rodman



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Commission**
535 Duane Street
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Department: Administration
Department Head:
Category: Other
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1765)

DOC ID: 2022-1765

Trustee Liaison

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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Park District Liaison

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

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Staff Liaison

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1827)

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DuPage Foundation - Call for Grant Applications (Attached)

Statement of the Issue:

The DuPage Foundation is now accepting applications through our 2022 Community Needs Grant Program.

Through this program, we consider applications from 501(C)(3) organizations that primarily serve DuPage County residents. Grant guidelines and access to the application are available at <https://dupagefoundation.org/grants/community-needs.html>.

All Community Needs grant applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on the dates listed below:

- Health & Human Services applications are due on Friday, March 4
- **Education, Arts & Culture, Environment and Animal Welfare are due on Friday, September 2**

Barbara Szczepaniak | Vice President for Programs

Direct: 630.598.5280 | Main: 630.665.5556

Email: barb@dupagefoundation.org

DuPage Foundation | 3000 Woodcreek Drive, Ste. 310 | Downers Grove, IL 60515

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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Sustainable Communities/Arts & Mobility

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1770)

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Economic Development/Green Business - Review Commissioner Kwiatkowski's Program (included in packet)

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:

1. GEEC Green Program

GLEN ELLYN ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
Green Business Recognition Program

In support of the Village's sustainability goals, the Green Business Recognition Program acknowledges local businesses that have made efforts in implementing environmentally sustainable practices. This voluntary program is free and provides businesses with an easy checklist to help determine eligibility and submit nominations. The application form would be found on the Village Website as well as on the Environmental Commission page.

Nominations should be submitted no later than February, so that they can be reviewed by the Commission and presented to the Village Board. The awards would be presented annually by the Village Board. The business would receive a "Glennie" award certificate that can be displayed inside the business, and a decal that can be displayed on the door or window. The Environmental Commission will develop a certificate template with appropriate artwork for the "Glennie".

The Environmental Commission would promote this new program with flyers, articles in the Village Newsletter, and through partnerships with the Downtown Alliance and Chamber of Commerce.

The program is now limited to the below criteria and for only one type of award, although the award could be given to multiple businesses. If there is sufficient interest and participation from the business community, the Commission would evaluate the program and expanded with more criteria and to multiple levels of awards, perhaps even a monetary award, if Village budget permits.

The following is the application for **RESTAURANTS**. To qualify, the business must meet 5 of the 10 criteria:

Criteria for Restaurants	check if Yes
1 Has your restaurant installed LED lights, partially or entirely?	☐
2 Does your restaurant purchase recyclable or recycled products/packaging?	☐
3 Does your restaurant use an ask-first policy for straws?	☐
4 Does your restaurant only offer take out utensils upon request?	☐
5 Does your restaurant recycle?	☐
6 Does your restaurant offer coffee refills for customer own mugs?	☐
7 Has your restaurant stopped using single-use plastics and Styrofoam?	☐
8 Has your restaurant eliminated using plastic bags?	☐
9 Has your restaurant eliminated printed receipts, except upon request?	☐
10 Does your restaurant purchase food that is in season, local?	☐

The following is the application for **ALL OTHER BUSINESSES** (non- restaurant). To qualify, the business must meet 5 of the 10 criteria:

Criteria for all other businesses (non-restaurant)	check if Yes
1 Has your business installed LED lights, partially or entirely?	☐
2 Does your business purchase green or recycled products?	☐
3 Does your business recycle?	☐
4 Has your business reduced, eliminated using plastic bags?	☐
5 Has your business eliminated printed receipts, except upon request?	☐
6 Have you installed low flush toilets in your facility?	☐
Does your business promote beautification by keeping outdoor space litter-free?	☐
7	☐
8 Is your business a registered Fair-Trade business?	☐
9 Has your business recently upgraded to Energy Star appliances?	☐
10 Does your business divert usable materials to school, non-profits?	☐



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Land Use/Greenscaping - Plan 2022 Events

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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Waste/Recycling & Composting - Social Media Marketing

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2022-1773)

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Water & Energy - Report from Commissioner Swanson on Waste Water Management Next Steps: Green Energy Opportunity

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Action Requested:

Attachments: