

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

April 20, 2022

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: April 20, 2022
Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:34 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	
PUBLIC		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **April 20, 2022** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at **7:02 PM** at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Kwiatkowski seconds the motion to approve the minutes from March 23, 2022.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 3/23/2022

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Casazza

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

ROLL CALL: Truitt, Daly, Kwiatkowski, Casazza, Swanson, Abeln, Umlauf

IV. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – Trustee Christiansen reports we had our Tea with the Trustees this past Saturday. There were questions about the CBD Streetscape. Glen Ellyn received the Tree City award. Earth Day celebration is April 24 and Arbor Day celebration is April 29. The next ad hoc committee meeting for the Hotel site on Roosevelt Road will be on May 4.

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Hubsky reports the monarch pledge will be brought before the board on May 9. Glen Ellyn received the Water Ambassador Award. We were one of eight or nine communities that received the award. Hydrant flushing has been completed in the village. Cottage Water Tower is out of service due to recoating the inside. Max Brown is looking into a new carbon trading program. It will relate to existing trees and trees being replaced.

VI. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT – Hubsky reports Earth Day celebration is April 24 1:00-4:00. If it rains it will be moved to the boathouse. There will be a lot of family friendly activities. Rec center lights were replaced with motion sensor lights.

VII. SPONSORSHIP DISCUSSION AND VOTE

1. One Earth Film Festival – Chairman Truitt asks the EC if they would like to sponsor the One Earth Film Festival. The cost is \$500.00. Most of the films this year are on social justice and are online. The EC discusses the sponsorship and decides not to sponsor this year but perhaps will sponsor in the future.

VIII. EVENT DISCUSSION

1. Earth Day Event with Park District – April 24- Chairman Truitt reports the park district will have a table for the EC at the event. We will use this to promote our composting and recycling extravaganza. The Park District is asking for additional volunteers to help with hikes. Commissioners Umlauf and Chairman Truitt volunteer to be there. Commissioners Casazza and Daly will be at the event for Go Green.

2. Recycling Extravaganza – April 30 – Commissioner Kwiatkowsky reports all vendors are set for the day. We will need volunteers for the following – one volunteer for Scarce, two volunteers for Dart, two volunteers for light bulbs, one volunteer at the entrance/greeter, one volunteer as a traffic coordinator. We will be collecting money for TV's and paint. The EC has allocated \$800.00 for Flat Can (paint), \$110.00 for light bulbs, Smoke detectors -\$200.00 (in order to raise awareness/educate that they contain radioactive material), Alkaline batteries (we will pay the fee for this). The EC agrees to pay for oil-based paints up to \$20.00 per first 100 customers. This EC will offer this as an incentive to bring awareness that oil-based paint is hazardous waste that we want kept out of the landfills.

3. Compost Pickup – May 1 – 10:00-1:00. Commissioner Daly reports she has arranged with the Park District on where the compost should be dumped. Midwest Composting is delivering 4 cubic yards worth of compost. Residents will have to bring their own buckets to fill. The Park District will bring the balance of the compost

to its gardens.

4. May thru July Event Planning - Battery Recycling - Commissioner Casazza will check to see if Scarce can offer this at the recycling extravaganza.

Sustainable Garden Tours – Chairman Truitt states we can tie the monarch pledge with the garden tours if we decide to do them.

Educational Talks – Chairman Truitt asks the EC if they want to do another green gathering. We’ve had low attendance in the past. The EC decides if they do more green gatherings it should be kept to 2 for the balance of the year and it should be an in-person gathering. September would be the next time available time we could offer.

Partner Events – Commissioner Casazza reports that the Chamber is doing a summer concert series. We are also partnering with Go Green. Go Green partners with other communities and the theme this year is trees. Various organizations (library, EC, League of woman voters, Glenbard West) are taking part and painting pots that will be put out in the downtown.

Sustainable Communities/ Arts & Mobility:

1. EBRT – Commissioner Daly reports DuPage County has approved funds for a study to be conducted on the EBRT. There will be a gathering with trail tours on June 4 at the corner of Route 53 and Butterfield Road from 11:00-3:00. They hope to have engineering completed in the next 12 months.

IX. Workshop Topic

1. Tree Ordinance – Chairman Truitt reports we want to look at our tree ordinance and see where we want to make edits. Chairman Truitt reviews with the EC other communities’ tree ordinances. The EC discusses how they want to approach GE’s tree ordinance. Staff Liaison Hubsky suggests determining what the intent is. Commissioner Swanson states when we rewrite the ordinance, we need to do the research and gather science backed facts. Trustee Christiansen states the village is concerned with private property rights. The other challenge is policing the ordinance - what will it cost the village to do this (i.e.: issue permits, inspect, enforce). Christiansen adds perhaps the EC should consider doing a 6-month education campaign on tree protection. Chairman Truitt thanks the EC for their input, and states we will continue our discussions on this topic.

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting – May 18, 2022.

B. Commissioner Casazza motions and Commissioner Abeln seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Rodman