Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2022
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306
535 Duane St.

Members of the public are welcome to speak to any item not specifically listed on tonight's agenda. For those items which are on tonight's agenda, the public will have the opportunity to comment at the time the item is discussed. Individuals wishing to address the Commission shall exercise proper decorum and respect for the proceedings and the business of the Community Relations Commission, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. Commissioners are not obligated to respond to questions.

Any individual with a disability requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to participate in a meeting should contact The Village of Glen Ellyn ADA Coordinator, 630-469-5000, in advance of the next scheduled meeting.

A. Call to Order

B. Public Participation

C. Minute Approval

1) June 2022 Meeting Minutes Draft

D. Trustee Liaison Report

E. Park District Liaison Report

F. Staff Liaison Report

G. Meeting Topics

1) Glennie Awards

2) Fall Events Planning

H. Workshop Topic

1) Tree Ordinance

I. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

1) Next Meeting August 16, 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 21, 2022

Environmental Commission: **Date:** June 21, 2022

Meeting: Regular **Called to Order:** 7:05 p.m.

Quorum: Yes **Adjourned:** 9:05 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Christie Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Absent
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Absent
Barbara Kwiatkowsky	Commissioner	Present
Steve Swanson	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	Y
John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	Y
Chris Gutman n	Park District Liaison	Y
PUBLIC		
Ben English	Student Commissioner Candidate	Y

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 21st, regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:05 pm at the Glen Ellyn Police Station.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 17, 2022 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Kwiatowsky motions and Chairman Truitt seconds the motion to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 6/21/22 RESULT : Motion unanimously carried MOVER: Commissioner SECONDER: ROLL CALL: Truitt, Kwiatkowsky, Umlauf ABSTAIN: Swanson, Abeln

IV. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – Trustee Christiansen reported that the Building Code is being reviewed by the Building Board of Appeals for potential amendments. She provided a summary of the Building Roundtable and discussed potential changes. The Roosevelt hotel site is continued to be reviewed for options. The developers of the U.S. Bank site in downtown Glen Ellyn have pulled out of the project. Some in the Village have discussed converting the site to park land. Finally, the Third Thursday events are continuing throughout the Summer.

V. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT – Park District Liaison Gutmann The Park District passed a Dark Sky Resolution. The District is partnering with the Morton Arboretum to use an experimental treatment for root rot. It received a grant to monitor wildlife in natural areas using bird acoustics and visual monitoring equipment. The Park District referendum is in the home stretch. Upgrades to Panfish Park remain under consideration. Residents who live near the area have expressed they would like a passive, meditative park. The District is exploring engineering proposals to dredge the area and improve its use for storm water retention and native planting.

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Liaison Hubsky reports The downtown construction project is going well. The majority of the underground work has been completed in the construction area. The water main project will begin on South Main Street. The area will be ADA compliant.

The street forestry superintendent is retiring, and a search is being conducted for her replacement.

The Community Development Department and Public Works are looking at the tree preservation ordinance. Specifically, they are examining work flows and ways to improve enforcement of the current ordinance. Eligo Engergy cancelled the Green Energy Aggregation Program that was signed in 2008 due to lack of participation. Commission Abeln is interested in following up with the Village on potential future options.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Commission Discussion and Reports

Commissioner Truitt thanked Jacquelyn Casazza and Karin Daly for their work with Go Green flower pots placed throughout the Village.

GE Park Dist. Native Tree & Shrub Sale - The event will be on October 1, 2022 at Sunset Park. Orders can be placed between August 15th and September 16th. Commissioner Umlauf inquired whether the event could be expanded in the future to include perennial plants.

R38 Hotel Charette - Commissioner Truitt will attend the Taft/Roosevelt roundtable to discussion options for the site's future use, and will report back to the Environmental Commission for further input.

Monarch Butterfly Promotion - Commissioner Truitt suggested sponsoring a Monarch butterfly festival in 2023. The Village signed the Monarch Pledge this year, and will be making steps to improve Monarch habitat this year. Next year, a Monarch festival could include a garden walk to showcase Monarch-friendly plantings.

Oaktober - Commissioner Truitt suggested an event to celebrate "Oaktober" this Fall. An event could be planned with either the Park District, Go Green Glen Ellyn, or the Public Library. An event could be held at Maryknoll Park, with a target date of October 1st through 8th. This could involve a "tree hunt" that would involve participants looking for different species of trees. Commissioner Truitt showed examples of "tree hunt" programs that were developed for her children. The "Oaktober" event in October and a Monarch Festival in May could be the first in a series of monthly, environment-friendly events. Other celebrations could include an Earth Day event in April; celebrating warblers during "Warbler Week" in May. The Commission can discuss partnering with other organization for these events in future planning meetings. Commissioner Swanson suggest that the Village could consider planting or expanding an oak grove at Maryknoll Park as substantive way to celebrate oak trees.

Tree Preservation & Heritage Trees - Commissioner Truitt discussed a potential tree registration program within the Village. The program would give residents the opportunity to register the trees on their property as trees of significance. Commissioners Swanson and Kwiatkowsky questioned the purpose and utility of such a database. Commissioner Swanson stated that a voluntary database would be incomplete and potentially inaccurate if residents were mistaken about the species of tree. Also, there didn't seem to be a need or request for such an effort. Commissioner Umlauf suggested that smaller trees of a significant species could also be included.

With respect to a revised tree preservation ordinance, there is a need to revisit the definition of "heritage tree." Other Villages have a more expansive definition and include many more species. The Morton Arboretum may be a good resource to consult in re-defining what trees the Village would like to designate as "heritage trees."

Bike Trails - Commissioner Truitt noted that the Village has various bike trails that pass within the Village limits. To incentivize bike riding, she suggested that the Environmental Commission or Village could develop a program to award a medallion to individuals who complete bike rides on all the trails.

Glennies - Commissioner Kwiatkowsky update the Commission on the "Glennie" business recognition. There was discussion concerning how sustainable the recognition program will be. Commissioner Truitt suggested narrowing the program to restaurant or retail recycling. It was noted that additional materials needed to be distributed. After the Commission receives those, it will have a special meeting to discuss the recognition program in detail.

Dark Skies - Commissioner Swanson reported on the Dark Sky initiative. The International Dark Sky Association was published a report concerning the current state of scientific research on the topic. He will ensure that the Commission receives this report for consideration of future Dark Sky initiatives. Proposed amendments to the Village's design recommendation are being drafted with an eye towards discussing those in August 2022. Thereafter, a revised outdoor lighting ordinance will be provided for consideration in September 2022.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting – July 19, 2022.

B. Commissioner Swanson motions and Commissioner Umlauf seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Submitted by Steve Swanson, EC Commissioner

Reviewed by Staff Liaison Hubsky

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Glennie Awards

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

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Fall Events Planning

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