



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, January 9, 2024
7:00 PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center, Room 306

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 Environmental Commission, and shall refrain from abusive demeanor and language. Commissioners are not obligated to respond to questions.

A. Call to Order

B. Public Comment

C. Approval of Minutes

- 1) Approval of November 2023 Minutes

D. Reports

- 1) Park District Liaison Report
- 2) Trustee Liaison Report
- 3) Staff Liaison Report
- 4) Chair Report

E. Old Business

- 1) Strategic Planning Priorities
- 2) Sustainability Scorecard/Plan

F. New Business

G. Adjourn

- 1) Next meeting February 13, 2024, Village Board presentation for 2023 @Home Certification on January 22

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 28, 2023

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Special
Quorum: Yes

Date: November 28, 2023
Called to Order: 7:02 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:12 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Present/Absent

Christy Truitt	Chair	Present
Jeff Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Absent
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Present
Mark Frigo	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowski	Commissioner	Present
Vacant	Commissioner	
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Olivia	Student Commissioner	Present
Matilda	Student Commissioner	Absent
Also Present:		
John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	
Gary Fasules	Village Trustee	
PUBLIC		
None		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The November 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order by Chair Truitt at 7:02 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

No public participation.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Olivia (Glenbard West student) and Matilda (Glenbard South student) are official student commissioners. Welcome to Olivia and Matilda.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 17, 2023 MEETING –

1. Proposed amendments to the draft minutes:
Commissioner Kwiatkowski recommends the following changes:
 - In VI. Staff Liaison Report, “Historic Preservation and Plan committees” should be referred to as commissions, not committees.
2. Commissioner Daly motions and Commissioner Kwiatkowski seconds the motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 10/17/2023

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Daly

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

AYES: # 4

V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT –

Trustee Fasules stated that the \$85 million village budget was approved. However, President Senak presented \$650K of prospective line-item vetoes. President Senak now has five days to submit these prospective vetoes or reject the entire budget. Otherwise, the budget will pass as approved. The associated levy was also approved. The budget does include a discretionary \$25K for commission (combined) usage.

The Village and the Park District agreed to the plan for the use of the event space (new park which was formally the US Bank property).

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT –

On December 11, 2023, the Friends of the East Branch DuPage River Trail will be making a presentation on their efforts.

Snow removal started. The Village has some new snow removal crews. Road salt is used, but equipment to use a more sustainable liquid additive is in the budget. This should reduce the amount of salt used and is ultimately better for the environment.

VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON’S REPORT –

No report.

VIII. CHAIR REPORT –

On October 19, 2023, Max Brown, the Village Forestry Superintendent, made a presentation at the Glen Ellyn Police Department on sustainable plantings. This was done in conjunction with The Conservation Foundation. Jim Kleinwachter from The Conservation Foundation, the nonprofit land trust organization in Northern Illinois, also discuss how to make a sustainable garden. The local chapter of Wild Ones, the nonprofit education organization, would like to participate more in these types of educational activities.

On October 26, 2023, The Conservation Foundation had an event which discussed sustainable incentives offered by municipalities promoting sustainable landscaping

on private land. Glen Ellyn is seen as a leader in this area, leveraging its partnership with The Conservation Foundation.

On October 25, 2023, an oak leadership forum was held at the Morton Arboretum. Chair Truitt attended with Chris Gutman from the Glen Ellyn Park District. There is an oak zone that stretches through Glen Ellyn which deserves to be protected. How are other municipalities protecting their oak zones?

On November 4, 2023, a Go Green mini recycling event was held at the Village Green parking lot. It was a success. About 140 cars passed through the event. It is believed that these mini recycling events supplement the larger annual recycling extravaganza nicely. A good sequence of recycling events could be the following:

- April (27): Recycling extravaganza
- Summer: Mini recycling event
- Fall: Mini recycling event

Note that the biennial Spring Cleanout Day in Glen Ellyn is scheduled for April 29, 2024. Wheaton has recycling events monthly. All the usual vendors have agreed to participate in the 2024 recycling extravaganza. It was recognized by the Commission that the Village provide equal opportunity for all of the vendors. Earth Paint and Flat Can both want to do the paint recycling. Perhaps we allow one to do the extravaganza, while the other can do the mini recycling events. The EC can not manage any fees associated with these vendors as part of the recycling. The permit for the Recycling Extravaganza needs to be submitted by February 1, 2024.

On November 24, 2023, commissioners and their families met at the library decorate the lobby tree with sustainable resources. Thanks to all who helped.

In December or January, the Village Board will recognize people whose yards have been certified sustainable. This currently includes 11 homes in Glen Ellyn.

IX. OLD BUSINESS TOPICS

In Q1 2024, the EC should have an example scope of work for a consultant to perform data gathering for a sustainability plan. The data gathering will form the basis for the sustainability plan. The EC has an example from paleBLUEdot, but needs to look at others. Chair Truitt and Commission Kwiatkowski will work on this topic. Chair Truitt also has a contact for an organization that worked on this for the Village of Northbrook.

Tree ordinance examples have been provided in the past. The Village needs to better define what a landmark / heritage tree (that is worth protecting) is. The Chicago Region Trees Initiative is a resource. Wilmette was identified as a village with a very good tree ordinance, perhaps the best in the Chicagoland area.

Education ideas include the following:

- *Oaks are at risk.* Winter action plans to protect them. An article in January or February would be good. Could this be sent out via the town eblast or quarterly newsletter?

- *Continued promotion for sustainable landscapes.* Rain gardens and a sustainable garden tour are possibilities.
- *Recycling.* Continue to lean on Go Green. Commissioner Casazza will likely make some recommendations. Commissioner Kwiatkowski will work with Commissioner Casazza.

“Stroll” is a free publication that the EC can leverage for education. The EC can submit articles related to initiatives. Student Commissioner Matilda did a nice article on sustainable holidays. Perhaps another student article can be done in January.

Village digital newsletter is better than the proposed Facebook pages. If we have a date for distribution for something on the digital newsletter, let John Hubsy know at least 10 to 12 days in advance.

Central Business District (CBD) recycling stalled out a bit due to the need and location of recycling receptacles. Chair Truitt found a person willing to stop by and pick up recyclables for participating CBD businesses. If this pickup person gets a large enough rebate, this could pay for the program and make the cost to CBD businesses zero. Commissioners Kwiatkowski and Casazza will provide data that they have collected on this topic to Chair Truitt, who will then pass this on to the aforementioned pickup person.

X. NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

The best time for the EC to bring forward proposed policy updates is in Q1 2024. Flagging these items ahead of time is best.

The Groot waste pickup and hauling contract expires this upcoming summer. The Village is likely going out for bids to replace this. Should compost be included in that bid? The Village should receive information to determine which path is best.

MOVE TO RECOMMEND THAT THE VILLAGE REQUEST TWO COMPOSTING OPTIONS IN THE NEXT WASTE PICKUP AND HAULING BID: 1) COMPOSTING FOR ALL VILLAGE RESIDENTS, 2) À LA CARTE OPTION FOR COMPOSTING FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

SECONDER: Commissioner Daly

AYES: # 4

Other topics touched on briefly:

- Some trustees and commissioners will be going to the Climate Action Exhibit.
- The One Earth Film Festival will be held April 7 – 10, 2024. Does the Commission want to be a sponsor?
- Does the EC want to sponsor another event during Earth Week in April?
- Does the EC want to do a solar energy education piece (rooftop versus community solar)? This is something Commissioner Frigo can accomplish.
- Does the EC want to do a bike related event?

Note that the EC still has open Commissioner slots. The 2024 commission schedule will be out soon.

XI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting – January 9, 2024.
- B. Commissioner Kwiatkowsky motions and Commissioner Frigo seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by Mark Frigo, Commissioner

Reviewed by John Hubsy, Staff Liaison



**Glen Ellyn Environmental
Commission**
535 Duane Street
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Meeting 1/9/2024 7:00 PM
Department: Public Works
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

**AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2023-
1258)**

DOC ID: 2023-1258

Strategic Planning Priorities

Statement of the Issue:

- Land Stewardship - Cultivate Green Infrastructure and Resilient Landscapes
 - Tree Canopy Preservation
 - Sustainable Landscaping: 2024 Initiatives
- Waste Stewardship - Reduce Landfill Waste
 - 2024 Recycling Extravaganza
 - Website updates
 - CBD Recycling: discussion of potential pickup solution
- Engage - Educate and Motivate
 - 2024 Spring newsletter content
 - Quarterly eNews format content - topics & schedule
 - 2024 Events

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2023-
1259)

DOC ID: 2023-1259

Sustainability Scorecard/Plan

Statement of the Issue:

Review and discussion of the format for a sustainability scorecard and steps needed to move forward with the project.

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments: