

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 19, 2022

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: July 19, 2022
Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:10 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:

John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Ben English	Student Commissioner Candidate	
PUBLIC		
Lane Reed	Glen Ellyn resident	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:04 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Glen Ellyn resident Lane Reed states he is here learn more about the EC and will likely come back to the commission to discuss gas powered leaf blowers on the grounds of reducing pollution.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 21, 2022 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Kwiatkowski motions and Commissioner Swanson seconds the motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2022.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 6/21/2022

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

SECONDER: Commissioner Swanson

AYES: 7

IV. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT – No report

V. STAFF LIAISON REPORT – Staff Liaison Hubsy reports the CBD Streetscape project is on track. We are losing our Senior Civil Engineer Tom Topor, who has accepted a position in Plainfield. Our engineering staff will now be operating at 50%. We continue to look for candidates to fill the open engineering positions. Our future short-term project should be on schedules. Our forestry superintendent Jen Brown will be retiring this month.

VI. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT – Staff Liaison Hubsy reports the Park District received a grant for the bird monitoring program. A Panfish Park RFP went out to do an analysis on sediment. The proposal will go before the board on Monday.

VII. Meeting Topics

1. Glennie Awards: The EC discusses at length the Glennie logo and how to proceed with the awards process. It was decided by the EC that the award criteria list needs to be re-categorized. Once completed, members of the EC will meet with the Alliance and Chamber to get their feedback and then the EC will bring the final proposal to the Village Board for approval. Commissioner Kwiatkowski will work on the criteria list. She states the nominations and award process will begin in 2023.

2. Fall Events Planning: Chairman Truitt reports in September we have our Native Tree and Shrub sale with the Park District. The EC will help promote this event and volunteer. Sales open up on August 16. The first week of October we will have our Oaktober event. A village member will plant a tree. There will also be bird migration walks. Oaktober fest will take place on Saturday October 8 from 1:00-4:00 for families that are environmentally curious. There will be short nature hikes and trivia at Holes & Knolls mini golf course. Two Hound Red Brewery will also have an Oaktober beer. We hope all of these fun events will bring out many people.

VIII. Workshop Topic

1. Tree Ordinance: Chairman Truitt reports she spoke with CRTI through the Morton Arboretum to see if they can help us develop and implement a revised Tree ordinance. They offer free assistance with ordinance development and there are 3 levels of service they offer (Gold, Silver & Bronze). The gold level looks at regulating trees and tree replacement. They will analyze our ordinance and come back with feedback. There is also a \$5,000-\$25,000 grant available to help implement the ordinance (tree management, tree investment, tree planting). If we do take advantage of the available grant, we have 2 years to implement the ordinance.

Staff Liaison Hubsy asks Chairman Truitt to send him the information so he can review.

Chairman Truitt asks the EC what categories should be included in the scope of the ordinance project. The EC discusses and decides on the following:

- Public & private property scope
- Tree Replacement Policy

- Define what is designated as a heritage or salvageable tree
- Fees to take down a tree
- Protect property in all stages of ownership
- Subsidies for tree care
- Preserve and expand overall tree canopy
- Incentives for eliminating invasives

Chairman Truitt states once staff reviews and approves the CRTI process, I will send our list and ordinances over to CRTI to begin the process.

IX. Other Business – Commissioner Daly reports Chairman Truitt has been approved as Chairman of the EC for another term.

Commissioner Kwiatkowsky thanks Commissioner Daly for her work on the infographic for the Recycling Extravaganza. She adds we used to have a RE page but it has been taken down. It would be nice to keep it out there so we can continue to provide recycling information. Staff Liaison Hubsy will speak with Grant about this.

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting – August 16, 2022.

B. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Casazza seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Hubsy