

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 18, 2022

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: May 18, 2022
Called to Order: 7:07 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:40 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	Absent
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

John Hubsky	Assistant Public Works Director	
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	
Nate Troja	Park District Liaison	
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee Liaison	
PUBLIC		
Kristen Bond	Glen Ellyn resident	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chairman Truitt at 7:07 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

- II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Staff Liaison Hubsky reads a public comment from Glen Ellyn resident Bruce Blake regarding the Monarch Pledge – “I would like to thank the village board on behalf of the DuPage Monarch Project. The Monarch butterfly has been in a decline in numbers over the years because of loss of habitat. Many of the native plants it needs to feed on and reproduce have disappeared because of development. The Village of Glen Ellyn has taken the step toward using native plants in their landscaping that will encourage monarchs to feed and reproduce. The next time you see a Monarch in your Glen Ellyn yard, say thank you approving the resolution!”

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 20, 2022 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Umlauf motions and Commissioner Kwiatkowski seconds the motion to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 4/20/2022

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Umlauf

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

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

- IV. PRESENTATION** – Park District Liaison Troja reviews the GLEN ELLYN PARK DISTRICT BOND REFERENDUM with the EC (see attached presentation). He states if approved by voters on June 28, Glen Ellyn Park District would issue bonds to the amount of \$15,900,000 for these specific purposes: Improve, equip and maintain Sunset Pool, Expand, improve, equip and maintain Ackerman Sports & Fitness Center, Improve, equip and maintain other parks and park facilities (Babcock Grove Park, Churchill Park, Lake Foxcroft Park) and acquire additional land for park purposes (Lenox Road property). He adds, if the referendum is passed the work will begin right away and will be completed by 2025.
- V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT** – Trustee Christiansen reports the Village board is in the process of reviewing the Comprehensive Plan line by line. The changes I requested are to include eco-friendly elements on new developments. The developer of the U.S Bank property has pulled out. That property is now up for sale. The CBD Streetscape improvement project is moving along. The work has displaced the Taste of Glen Ellyn. The Chamber will be holding concerts on the first Thursday of the month through September. Next week the YMCA will be welcoming the Olympians. The Roosevelt Road work group will be meeting on June 2. Tea with the Trustees will be held on June 18.
- VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT** – Hubsky reports the village received the Gold Water Ambassador award. Glen Ellyn is one of nine communities to receive this award. Eligo Energy of Illinois recently sent a letter to the village regarding the energy aggregation that stated there are not enough people taking part in the program and they will be ending the program in July. Those residents enrolled in that program will be moved back to Com-Ed.
- VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT** – Liaison Troja reports on June 7 the Park District will be proposing a Dark Sky resolution. The DuPage river sweep will take place at Lake Ellyn on May 21 9:00-11:00 a.m. in partnership with the Conservation Foundation.

Commissioner Casazza adds Scarce will be hosting Solar Hour on August 30.

Commissioner Daly adds a 1.5 million grant has been requested for the EBRT. Sean Casten will be touring the area on June 5; you are all invited to attend. I will send you all an invitation.

VIII. EVENT RECAP

1. Recycling Extravaganza – April 30 – Chairman Truitt thanks Commissioner Kwiatkowski for all her work on the event. Commissioner Kwiatkowski reports we had 10 vendors take part in the event and 457 cars came through. She shares a recap list of recycled items (see attached): 7,500 lbs. of electronics, 866 gallons of latex paint, 73 flags, 380 lbs. of batteries, 74 smoke detectors, and 256 lbs. of polystyrene, 239 aerosol cans/propane tanks, 176 gallons of oil paint. Everyone did a great job. This information is a good benchmark for next year. Key takeaways for next year: we need to plan and set the date earlier so we can start promoting the event at least 2 months prior, we need to offer continuous education thought the year reminding residents to recycle and we will need a clean-up crew. The Public Works department did a great job, but there was still some cleanup that needed to happen. Proposed budget for next year: Batteries - \$800 (we will advertise a fee), Smoke Detectors - \$600 (EC will sponsor), Bulbs -\$300. Chairman Truitt adds we will further review the budget for next year. This was a great event and our budget was well used.
2. Compost Pickup – May 1 – Commissioner Daly reports the event went well, we had 33 cars come through and we went through 2 cubic yards of compost. The remaining compost went to the Village Green gardens. Midwest compost is happy to do this event again. Chairman Truitt thanks Commissioner Daly for her work on this event.

IX. MAJOR EVENT & MARKETING PLANNING

1. Marketing procedure with Communications Coordinator – Staff Liaison Hubsby states prior to sending communications over to Grant, Chairman Truitt and I will need to review and approve.
2. Information to support Chamber Flower pots: Chairman Truitt reports we would like to provide information on the cards that are placed in the flower pots that will have a QR code that can lead back to our website where residents can find links to resources. We will need to determine what that information is. We could use GO-Green as a resource.
3. 2023 event plan including strategic & collaborative partners: Chairman Truitt states we want to have annual anchor events that residents will look forward to. She asks the EC to come up with suggestions on what these events and partners should be.
4. Milestone Plan for 2022 Glenly Awards: Chairman Truitt states we need a schedule set if we want to present these awards in the fall. We need to develop a proposal to present to the village board for their approval. The proposal should have the criteria used for the award and how many awards will be issued. Once developed Staff Liaison Hubsby will review and he will send to the EC for their final review. We would like to present this to the board on June 23. Commissioner Kwiatkowski will work on the proposal.

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting – June 21, 2022.
- B. Commissioner Daly motions and Commissioner Casazza seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Hubsy