



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 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 April 16 Minutes
 - 2) Approval of Joint HPC & EC March Meeting 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 RFP
 - 3) EV Readienss Updates
- F. New Business**
- G. Adjourn**
 - 1) Next Meeting - June 18, 2024

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 16, 2024

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: April 16, 2024
Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:10 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Present/Absent

Christy Truitt	Chair	Present
Jeff Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
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	
Kelli Christiansen	Village Trustee	
Chris Gutman	Glen Ellyn Park District	
PUBLIC		
Kristen Bond	Resident, 234 Cumnor , Glen Ellyn	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 16, 2024 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission (EC) was called to order by Chair Truitt at 7:04 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Kristen Bond, a resident of Glen Ellyn, delivered a presentation on electric vehicle (EV) readiness in Glen Ellyn to the EC. The goal was to follow-up to feedback received during the March EC meeting, and recommend that the Village join the EV Cohort Ready Waitlist. Could the Village provide information to residents on EV topics, such as home charging facts, how to get a permit, map of charging stations in the Village, etc.? Commissioner Frigo will send the presentation to the EC.

Commissioner Daly motions and Commissioner Casazza seconds a motion to put in place an EV landing page on the Village website.

MOVE TO PUT IN A EV LANDING PAGE WITH INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE.

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Daly

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

AYES: # 5

There are some commitments with being in the Cohort, but the Village can get informational benefits for being on the waitlist. These benefits include access to information on streamlining permitting processes, charging sites, recommended training to firefighters, among others. There is no definitive timetable to joining a Cohort. It is whenever enough towns in the group get to a critical mass. If the Village decides not to join, it can just rejoin the waitlist and restart the process. The Village can deny participation anytime.

Commissioner Frigo motions and Commissioner Casazza seconds a motion to have the Village join the EV Cohort Ready Waitlist.

MOVE TO JOIN THE EV COHORT READY WAITLIST.

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Frigo

SECONDER: Commissioner Casazza

AYES: # 5

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Commissioner Casazza asked the Village to find the “number of clicks” of spring greening initiatives such as the Recycling Extravaganza posted on the Village’s website.

The question was raised on whether there were any preliminary results on the Refuse / Recycling Survey. The answer was not yet, but the results would be made available to the EC likely in early May. The proposal for the new waste hauler is on-line. Six waste haulers showed up the request for proposal informational meeting. The EC will be able to comment on the proposed vendor and service prior to the Board making a decision.

The Hen keeping ordinance is incubating again. The “Hen Ellyn” group is promoting it. This has been a much discussed topic at the Board level. The EC can make a recommendation on the matter if it likes.

Possible future events include The Conservation Foundation yard certification information session and sustainable yard tour on July 27. It will be run through the Glen Ellyn Park District (GEPD) and Chris Gutman can be the contact.

IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 12, 2024 MEETING –**

Proposed amendments to the draft minutes:

- Commissioner Kwiatkowski made a few meeting edits that were incorporated.
- Commissioner Frigo pointed out a typo on a motion that was fixed.

Commissioner ??? motions and Commissioner ??? seconds the motion to approve the minutes from March 12, 2024.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 3/12/24 WITH PROPOSED CHANGES.

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner ???

SECONDER: Commissioner ???

AYES: # 5

V. **TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT –**

Trustee Christiansen highlighted that the Unlimited Refuse Collection is coming up. Discussion on the hen ordinance was already discussed. Downtown road construction continues. Apex building repairs are complete. A question was asked on the Apex retail space that remains empty. Rent for those retail spaces remains high, and the space is unfinished requiring additional installation costs for future tenants.

VI. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT –**

The wastewater treatment plant is looking into solar, and an RFP is out. It is the largest electricity user for Village facilities. Lead service lines are looking to be replaced. Roadway projects are ongoing.

The Sustainability RFP that was approved last month is moving forward. The RFP will be sent out around May 8th. A bidder question and answer session is tentatively scheduled for May 26th. June 5th will be the due date for proposals. The EC will review proposals after they are submitted. This will be a major topic for the June EC meeting.

VII. **PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT –**

There is a new trail at Ackerman Woods. GEPD has been spending a lot of time with tree plantings, and managing plant plug orders. Earth week programs are coming up. GEPD has some broken EV chargers. Payment is an issue that needs to be resolving before these chargers get repaired.

VIII. **CHAIR REPORT –**

Mayor's Caucus

Extreme heat events and how to mitigate their impact is a hot topic. Solutions include tree canopy, green space, native landscaping, bioswales, among others. Chair Truitt will send a slide deck with information.

Sustainable Landscaping Initiative

What will be the EC's initiative for the summer? Oak plantings and yard certification should continue. The EC can also promote the Lawns to Legumes program. Lombard has a tree dashboard that could be mimicked by the Village. (Chair Truitt sent information on this prior to the meeting)

2024 Recycling Extravaganza

Ready to implement. Commissioner Kwiatkowski is leading. It was recommended that safety vests be provided to volunteers by the Village. Commissioner Daly motions and Commissioner Kwiatkowski seconds the motion to request the Village provide volunteers with safety vests.

MOVE TO HAVE THE VILLAGE PROVIDE SAFETY VESTS TO VOLUNTEERS OF THE RECYCLING EXTRAVAGANZA.

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner Daly

SECONDER: Commissioner Kwiatkowski

AYES: # 5

Stroll - Articles

Chair Truitt Chair Truitt and Student Commissioner Olivia will collaborate on a draft on trees for May. Dark Skies Awareness can be another topic.

Cicadas

Cicadas are coming. Should there be information on the website, especially to debunk any myths? General consensus was likely not. However, the Morton Arboretum has information on their website.

District 87 Referendum – Glenbard West High School Addition

Commissioner Frigo reached out to Glenbard West Principal Ben Peterselli regarding EC input via the stakeholder process on tree preservation considerations for the proposed Glenbard West Learning Commons and classroom addition. This is in line with the Village's efforts to preserve valuable oak trees. This building addition, which is off the back of the high school overlooking Lake Ellyn (northeast side), will be encroaching on the hill that has mature oaks and other trees. Commissioner Frigo did note to Principal Peterselli that District 87 will need to go through the regular permitting process and that this effort was simply to provide guidance and advice with regards to preserving valuable trees. Mr. Peterselli will be the main point of contact. Mr. Peterselli did note that this process is just beginning. Commissioner Frigo will set up a meeting with Mr. Peterselli, and Chair Truitt will also participate.

Village Train Station

An open meeting on April 25 on the Village Train Station is planned. Chair Truitt has been invited, but this remains a meeting open to the public.

IX. OLD BUSINESS TOPICS

Notes on discussion integrated into various reports above.

X. NEW BUSINESS TOPICS

Commissioner Daly mentioned that the central section of the East Branch River Trail is expected to be complete by 2028. It is believed that this section extends from Roosevelt Road to the Prairie Path.

XI. Next Meeting & Adjournment

A. The next EC meeting – May 21, 2024.

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

Submitted by Mark Frigo, Commissioner

Reviewed by John Hubsy, Staff Liaison



Minutes
Village of Glen Ellyn
Historic Preservation & Environmental
Special Meeting
March 20, 2024
7:00PM
Glen Ellyn Civic Center Room 301

Board or Commission: Historic Preservation / Environmental Commissions
Meeting: Regular

Date: March 20, 2024

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Quorum: Yes

Adjourned: 8:21 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Penn French	Chairman Historic Preservation Commission	Present
Nathan Darga	Commissioner	Present
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Donna Leak	Commissioner	Present
Barb Lemme	Commissioner	Present
Robert Margetts	Commissioner	Present
David Schlembach	Commissioner	Present
Christie Truitt	Chairperson of Environmental Commission	Present
Karin Daly	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowsky	Commissioner	Present
Matilda McLaren	Student Commissioner	Present

Also Present:

Jordan Frahm	Associate Planner	Present
Mark Franz	Village Manager	Present
John Hubsy	Assistant Public Works Director	Present
Dave Buckley	Director of Public Works	Present
Kelli Christiansen	Trustee	Present
Kelley Kalinich	Trustee	Present
Dave Thommes	Executive Director Park District	Present
Nate Troja	Director of Planning & Natural Resources	Present

Public Present:

Clare Johnson	Site Design	

A. CALL TO ORDER

The March 20, 2024 special meeting of the Historic Preservation & Environmental Commissions was called to order by Chairman French at 7:00 PM at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT – Comments supplied by email from EC Commissioner Jacquelyn Casazza:

I'm unable to make tonight's meeting as I have another commitment. I did attend the AAC meeting last week so I was able to view the design at that time and hear the presentation, which was mostly specific to the building. Below are the comments/questions which I would like to be shared with the park district and design team:

- 1) Lighting - I asked the question last week if the lights were dark sky compliant and were told they are. After further research, they appear to be "dark sky friendly" but not compliant (i.e., not approved by the International Dark Sky Association/IDA). Would recommend a temperature of 2700K instead of 3000k. 2700k is the same temperature as lights on roosevelt rd. Recommend lumens on the taller poles to 1200lm instead of 2750lm.
- 2) Native Plants and Trees - great to see these included.
- 3) Natural play area and stormwater capture - this is also excellent; will there be any educational materials here on stormwater?
- 4) Waste receptacles - Nate confirmed at the meeting that there will be recycling and garbage facilities. There needs to be clear, visual signage. Would there be consideration to allow space for a community compost drop off to be managed by an outside provider (no promise to do compost yet, just to set aside the space, should the park district pursue this in the future)
- 5) Water - I did not see but assume there will be a water bottle filling station at the park/near the bathrooms. Would recommend a design like Lake Ellyn which has reservoirs for both humans and dogs :) Is there a way to have the water on year-round? This would be appreciated by runners and cyclists as we do use the path even when it is cold!!
- 6) Bike rack - I do not see a bike rack on the design? This seems critical to attract visitors from the prairie path. Would recommend a rack and small repair area. The existing bike rack on the path is too small to accommodate many bikes; would recommend a slimmer profile rack. There is a good example in Wheaton near the new farmers market area.
- 7) Parking - are there any changes which will be made to existing parking or adding parking as part of the design? Just curious if there is an opportunity to add EV charging if so.
- 8) Demonstration garden - just for fun...is there any flexibility in the design for a rotating demonstration garden (the EC did this as planters at Village green some years back with the help of a grant; this would be a better location). Or a community herb garden :)

Overall I think the park design looks great, and I am excited to see how the project develops further :)

Director Troja stated that the public comments were received and will be included with all the other comments received as part of the feedback from the community for consideration.

- C. 473 Forest Avenue – U.S Bank Site (Glen Ellyn Park District) - Village Manager** Franz opened the meeting by providing a brief overview of its purpose, expressing the village's enthusiasm for the project. Noting that the Village and Park District had collaborated on the venture, he highlighted a series of prior meetings to discuss its conceptualization. He emphasized that the village had acquired the property and both the Village and Park District had endorsed the concept, stressing the aim of seeking feedback from the HPC, EC, and AC on the project. Tonight's session sought general input from the HPC and EC, with the objective of subsequently presenting the received feedback and seeking approval from the Village Board for the project.

Clare Johnson, a Consultant from Site Design, unveils the site plan proposal for the Glen Ellyn Downtown Event Park. She outlines that the site spans 1.5 acres, formerly occupied by US Bank, with a gross area of 61,407 square feet, and was purchased by the Village for \$1.65 million. Johnson highlights the collaborative effort between the Glen Ellyn Park District and the Village to transform the space into an event and green area, conveniently located near the parking garage, Metra rail, and Prairie Path.

The envisioned park will serve as a vibrant gathering space, featuring a lush green lawn and the potential for an ice rink during winter months. Additionally, amenities such as restrooms and a concessions support building are planned. Johnson indicates that the proposed design, including a pavilion for performers, was recently presented to the Architectural Appearance Commission. Renderings showcased during the presentation depict a trellised pavilion adorned with wood slats for a natural aesthetic, complemented by black steel elements to harmonize with nearby light poles, and limestone accents to integrate seamlessly with the surrounding downtown architecture.

The preservation plan involves removing existing components for relocation, with efforts made to preserve or relocate trees wherever feasible. The specific planting approach for the area will be determined once the design is finalized, although it will prioritize the incorporation of native plants and varieties.

For maintenance and management, Johnson outlines access points for maintenance vehicles and strategically placed recycle and trash bins. The restrooms and support building will be designed to complement the site, including water fountains, with the size still under development.

Regarding lighting, provisions will be made to ensure a safe environment while enhancing the ambiance and tone. The lighting scheme will aim to be non-intrusive yet effective, adhering to Dark Sky compliance standards. Johnson concludes the presentation by inviting feedback from the commissions.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski commends the progress made on the plan, expressing satisfaction with its appearance. She inquires about the durability of the plantings in high-traffic areas and whether they will be placed in planters. Johnson confirms that a

mix of planters and incorporating grade changes will be used, with some plants at grade but not in areas where people naturally walk.

Commissioner Lemme raises the question of considering climate change in plant selection, emphasizing the importance of choosing plants that are climate and drought tolerant. Johnson acknowledges this consideration and assures that appropriate plants will be chosen.

Chairperson Truitt praises the thoughtfulness of the plan and asks about the diversity of trees, particularly whether consideration is being given to small or large trees. Johnson explains that longer life trees and shorter life ornamental trees will be strategically selected.

Chairperson Truitt also inquires about reducing lighting to promote human and wildlife health. Johnson confirms that there are opportunities to adjust the lighting to be less intense.

Commissioner Leak asks about space availability for art installations and art fairs. Johnson explains that activation areas along the pathways are envisioned for this purpose.

Chairperson French seeks clarification on the maximum capacity of the lawn area. Johnson estimates a capacity of 500-850 depending on the type of event.

Commissioner Day asks about the sound system, to which Johnson responds that there will be a house system scaled appropriately for the space. Commissioner Day also inquires about the next steps for advancing the project. Director Troja explains that both boards need to approve the plan. It's slated as a project for 2025, allowing time later this year to fundraise. They are exploring grants to bridge the funding gap.

The Historic Preservation and Environmental Commissions express their gratitude for the opportunity to provide feedback.

D. ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Kwiatkowsky and Commissioner Day seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Jordan Frahm & John Hubsby, Staff Liaisons



**Glen Ellyn Environmental
Commission**
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 5/21/2024 7:00 PM
Department: Public Works
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2024-334)

DOC ID: 2024-334

Strategic Planning Priorities

Statement of the Issue:

- Land Stewardship - Cultivate Green Infrastructure and Resilient Landscapes
 - Sustainable landscaping - 2024 initiatives
 - Rain barrel - promotion through The Conservation Foundation (Truitt)
 - Residential sustainable landscaping - promotion through The Conservation Foundation w/ Village website (Truitt)
 - Municipal sustainable landscaping - Central Business District garden beds (Truitt)
 - Tree Preservation
 - Discussion of tree preservation through residential protection, incentives, and inspiration
 - Glenbard West proposed addition update

- Waste Stewardship - Reduce Landfill Waste
 - 2024 Recycling Extravaganza - recap (Kwiatkowski)
 - Textile recycling bin - update from Village
 - Hen Ellyn - discussion of proposal
 - Waste Hauling RFP
 - Community survey
 - Proposals for comment
 - Tentative schedule
 - EC statement - joint or individual

- Engage - Educate and Motivate
 - Quarterly eNews Content
 - Summer/Sustainable landscaping
 - Fall - Oaks/Oaktober

- Fourth topic for 2024?
- Village website updates
 - Green initiatives
- 2024 events - topics for discussion (all TBD)
 - June - Compost pickup & rain barrels - possible coordination with The Conservation Foundation and Park District
 - July - Movie event (plastics) - possible collaboration with Go Green GE
 - July - Sustainable yards tour - possible collaboration with The Conservation Foundation and Go Green GE
 - October - Oaktober Activities with Park District and Go Green GE
 - Fall - Recycling mini and pumpkin smash - partnership with Park District and Go Green GE
 - Potential alternate locations
 - Fall - Sustainable homes education - possible collaboration with Historic Preservation Commission

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments:

1. 2024 Recycle Extravaganza Summary

RECYCLE EXTRAVAGANZA

Date Saturday, April 27, 2024
 Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
 Location College of DuPage Parking lot 6
 # of cars 647
 Volunteers 10

4/29/2023 4/30/2022

539 457

	Organization	Items collected	Volume Collected
1	Cub Scouts	American Flags	94
2	SCARCE	Books, school supplies, etc.	94 boxes
		Christmas lights	26 boxes
		instruments	10
		Smoke Detectors	30
3	Dart Container	Polystyrene (#6 packaging foam)	298 lbs.
4	Working Bikes	Bikes, helmets, accessories	48
5	Glen Ellyn Food Pantry	Non-perishable foods	597 lbs.
6	Lion's Club	Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids	
7	Junk Luggers	Electronics	16, 742 lbs.
8	Flat Can Recycling	Latex	919 cans
		Aerosol cans	187 cans
		batteries	308 lbs.
		textiles	2131 lbs.
		car seats	6
		propone	22
9	Project Cure	Walkers	25
		Wheelchairs	15
		CPAP machines	18
		Crutches/Canes	40

2023	2022
46	73
126 boxes	155 boxes
	5 boxes
42	74
262 lbs	256 lbs
41	33
246 lbs.	353 lbs
11,000 lbs	7500 lbs
1245 cans	1042 cans
175	239 cans
259 lbs	380 lbs
13	139 lbs



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Commission**
535 Duane Street
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Meeting 5/21/2024 7:00 PM
Department: Public Works
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2024-336)

DOC ID: 2024-336

Sustainability RFP

Statement of the Issue:

- Discussion of current schedule and plan for the request for proposals
- Update from the non-mandatory pre-submission meeting on 5/21

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments:



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EV Readienss Updates

Statement of the Issue:

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments: