



Agenda
Village of Glen Ellyn
Environmental Commission Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025
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) Environmental Commission February 11, 2025 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
- F. New Business**
- G. Adjourn**
 - 1) Next Meeting April 15, 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 11, 2025

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular/Special
Quorum: Yes/No

Date: February 11, 2025
Called to Order: 7:08 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:17 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Present/Absent

Christy Truitt	Chairman	Present
Jeff Abeln	Commissioner	Absent
Jacquelyn Casazza	Commissioner	Present
Karen Lilly	Commissioner	Absent
Mark Frigo	Commissioner	Present
Barbara Kwiatkowsky	Commissioner	Absent
John Day	Commissioner	Present
Chris English	Commissioner	Present
Maggie Frigo	Student Commissioner	Present
Also Present:		
Kristina Christie	Management Analyst – Public Works	Present
Elisa Pollina	Recording Secretary	Absent
Kelli Christiansen	Village Trustee	Absent
Chris Gutman	Glen Ellyn Park District	Absent
PUBLIC		
Ron Aubrey		Present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 11th, 2025 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order by Chair Truitt at 7:08 PM at Glen Ellyn Civic Center.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

- Tree preservation – targeted Burr Oak trees at Lake Ellyn Park have pathogen which has stressed tree’s canopy’s,
- Bartlett Tree Service offer soil and tree evaluation to create a report to target certain residents that have tree’s with 200-year old or older Oak trees with the potential pathogen – present to village in April to help educate and spread awareness.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS –

-Commissioner Mark Frigo wrote up a two-page community solar resources that could be potentially sent out to “Stroll” Magazine.

-“Monarch project” for pollinator planting being recognized in five current locations – looking to see if there are other pollinator friendly areas within Glen Ellyn that could further attract pollinators.

-Recycling Extravaganza in progress – permit from College of DuPage has been granted and flyers have been printed.

-Shredding event with Go Green the following week in Lombard.

-Welcoming new commissioners: John Day and Chris English. They provided the Commission with their emails.

-60 pollinator yards have been certified in 2024 through a partnership with the Conservation Foundation – Commissioner John proposes that putting peoples consented address to help commemorate and celebrate these yards helps to get community engaged. Conservation Foundation sets 2025 goals for an additional 15-25 yards – Commissioner John proposes idea to have 200 more yards certified by 2034 as Glen Ellyn will be 200 years old, goals of about 15/16 a year.

-Commissioner Chris English to possibly write up educational article regarding the harms of residential summer insect spraying towards native pollinators, specifically Monarch butterflies.

- Chair Truitt mentioned a Workshop at the Morton Arboretum on Municipal Tree Ordinance Writing would be useful to give EC varying inputs from several other municipalities.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2025 MEETING –

1. Commissioner Mark Frigo motions and Commissioner Chris English seconds the motion to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025.

MOVE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM 1/14/2025

RESULT: Motion unanimously carried

MOVER: Commissioner _Mark Frigo_

SECONDER: Commissioner _Chris English___

AYES: # 5

V. TRUSTEE LIAISON REPORT –

VI. STAFF LIAISON REPORT –

- Staff Christie mentioned working with EC for the Upcoming Spring Quarterly Newsletter (printed items).

- The basic GE Recycle Coach widget is working, and can be accessed through DuPage County. DuPage County Recycling Page has posted “Recycling Coach” App. We are awaiting training, access and final approval from the Village before we can

make the Glen Ellyn Recycle Coach Widget live on our website. Then Staff Christie will be adding further information for general information, drop off locations, special events, etc.

- GROOT will be providing a Flyer for the EC review.
- On 1/31/25, Village Staff and EC Members attended a virtual meeting with Ted to discuss key learnings and conduct a pre-baseline assessment. The Foundational Research Documents were reviewed, with time for question and answer, along with a discussion of the next steps. The Draft of the Sustainability Baseline Assessment Document is expected at the end of February. In March, the final phase will take place, including the Review of the Baseline Assessment Documents, Goal Setting and Presentations.

VII. PARK DISTRICT LIAISON'S REPORT

- May 10th, Curbside Composting for village green gardens.
- They have conducted extensive clearing of mature European buckthorn at Churchill Park. The area has been seeded with 38 species of native plants, and we will be back-planting native trees in spring.
- The holiday light recycling program has concluded for another season. We don't have a final weight yet from the recycling company, but we estimate it will be around 3,000 lbs.
- The Park District received four eastern screech-owl nest boxes from an eagle scout project. The boxes will be installed in natural areas where this species has been documented. Eastern screech-owls, while still abundant in some areas, are declining.

VIII. NEW BUSINESSNG TOPICS

- Proposed Idea: CRTE willing to bring 50 trees for Environmental Commissions planting 50 trees to commemorate 50 year anniversary.
- Proposed Idea: Affordable housing community, Bridge Communities non-profit owns 4 buildings that could partner with the Environmental Commission to help plant trees for communities to have greater green spaces.

IX. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting – March 18, 2025. Chairman
- B. Commissioner John Day motions and Commissioner Chris English seconds the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Submitted by Maggie Frigo, Student Commissioner

Reviewed by Kristina Christie, Staff Liaison



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

Meeting 3/18/2025 7:00 PM
Department: Public Works - Internal Services
Department Head:
Category: Discussion Item
Prepared By:

**AGENDA ITEM (ID # 2025-
245)**

DOC ID: 2025-245

Strategic Planning Priorities

Statement of the Issue:

- a. LAND Stewardship - Cultivate Green Infrastructure and Resilient Landscapes
 - i. ***Sustainable Landscapes***
 - 1. Residential Initiative - Yard Certification Blitz Days, TCF's Sustainable Yard Tour, and 200 Yards Goal
 - 2. Community Initiative – Mayor's Monarch Pledge: Habitat Development (Montclair Lot) & Preservation
 - 3. Municipal Initiative – Sustainable Transformation of Volunteer Park
 - ii. ***Tree Planting and Preservation***
 - 1. Residential Initiative - Ordinance Discussion - Construction Permit
 - 2. Community Initiative - Preserving Babcock's Grove
 - 3. Municipal Initiative – Arbor Day Tree Planting at Volunteer Park
- b. WASTE Stewardship - Reduce Landfill Waste
 - i. ***Recycling***
 - 1. Recycle Coach - Status
 - 2. Recycling Extravaganza - Checkpoint
 - ii. ***Composting***
 - 1. Compost Give-back – May Event
- c. ENGAGE - Educate & Motivate
 - i. ***Communications***
 - 1. STROLL Articles – May/June/July Series
 - 2. Website Resources - Green Initiatives Status
 - 3. Digital Newsletters – Solar, Babcock's Grove Preservation

ii. *Events and Education*

1. 2025 – 50 Year Anniversary of GEEC

- * Planting 50 Trees with CRTI and GEPD @ Churchill or Ackerman
- * Bridge Communities Landscaping Project
- * Celebration – Monarch Migration (September) or Oaktoberfest

iii. *Plans and Publications*

1. Sustainability Assessment Discussion

Analysis:

Budget Impact:

Contribution to Strategic Plan

Action Requested:

Attachments: