

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

December 19, 2017

Board or Environmental
Commission:
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: December 19, 2017
Called to 7:34 p.m.
Order:
Adjourned: 9:43 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

Adam S. Kreuzer	Chairman	Present
Adrienne Gregory	Commissioner	Present
Michael Malone	Commissioner	Present
David T. Meehan	Commissioner	Absent
Jeff D. Abeln	Commissioner	Present
Brook Ryan	Commissioner	Present
Jennifer E. Umlauf	Commissioner	Present
John W. Zelasco	Commissioner	Present
Renae Frigo	Park District Liaison	Present

Also Present:

Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Present
Christiana Cabrera	Intern	Present

Public Present:

John Clifford	Grout Industries	

I. CALL TO ORDER

The **December 19, 2017** regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at **7:34 PM** at the Village of Glen Ellyn, Civic Center, 535 Duane Street, Glen Ellyn, Illinois by Chairman Kreuzer.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS –None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM November 21, 2017 MEETING - Approved

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS- None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *New Commissioners:* Chairman Kreuzer welcomes Brook Ryan as one of the new Commissioners on the EC board. Brook's background is in architectural landscaping. Ed Crawford will also be joining the EC board.
- B. *Spring Newsletter Deadline: 1/19/18.* Commissioner Umlauf asks the EC to come up with a list of topics for the Spring Newsletter. The agreed upon topics are as follows: GE Fund, Gem Trees, Death/Volcano Mulching, Outdoor lighting, Police station sustainability components, Habitat Restoration, Coal Tar Sealants, Recycling Extravaganza, and storm water and pollinators. All article submissions must be turned in prior to 1/19/18. Commissioner Umlauf will email the EC board as to when she would like the written articles submitted to her.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. *Arts & Art Reach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory* – Commissioner Gregory reports that the One Earth Film Festival is scheduled for March 2-11. COD will be promoting the film schedule with posters that will also include the EC logo. The films that will be shown are Wasted and After the Spill. After each film there will be an open discussion.
 - 1. 2018 EC Budget and GEF Budget Concerns- No Report.
 - 2. GE Fund Status Report – Commissioner Malone reports that the GE Fund is one member away from filling the advisory slots for this committee. A promotional mass marketing postcard went out to a list of DuPage Foundation residents who have an interest in philanthropy as well as those Glen Ellyn residents that have a family foundation.
 - 3. Dark Windows & Mural Ordinance- Staff Liaison Cabrera reports that the Dark windows and Mural Ordinance are in the works and will be discussed at the February meeting. There is a new intern taking over Dark windows. Letters will be going out to businesses putting a more positive spin on Dark Windows.
 - 4. The Tube-Trustee Enright reports that David Meehan made a presentation last night to the board that was very well received. We will move forward on this. The tunnel timeline is the end of 2018.
- B. *Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report* – Jennifer Umlauf – no report
 - 1. Park District Initiatives – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that in 2018 we are looking to get more information out about sustainability efforts with our schools, churches and share our ideas as a whole community. Perhaps the Village and Park district can get residential buy in on these efforts. We are also looking to

offer monthly environmental awareness campaigns. We are moving Earth Day to the boat house and we will be focusing on the park. We are also looking to invite the historical society to this event as well as offer tours around the lake.

C. Health, Wellness, Transportation Subcommittee Report – John Zelasco

1. Zagstar –We are still looking for strategic locations for this program. Staff Liaison Cabrera reports that both Wheaton and Lombard have backed out due to the high initial estimated amount to participate in this program. Lombard also did not like the locations they were given. We now are looking to see if DuPage County and the Visitors bureau would like to partner with us. The next meeting is in January.
2. Habitat Restore Recycling – Chairman Kreuzer asks where we stand on the brochure. Staff Liaison Cabrera reports that the village would like to put other companies on the brochure that can be used to recycle. She asks the EC to look for additional non-for-profit companies that can be added to the brochure.
3. Coal Tar Resolution- Commissioner Zelasco reports no action has been taken yet.

D. Energy Sustainability/Recycle Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. 2018 Cool DuPage Initiative: Commissioner Abeln reports that the Com-Ed audits will not start until after January.
2. Groot Decal and Clean Sweep - John Clifford, Municipal Service Manager from Groot Industries discusses how he can help with the transition of the new garbage contract. Chairman Kreuzer asks if Groot has assigned a Clean Sweep day for Glen Ellyn, preferably during Glen Ellyn's Recycling Extravaganza – April 17-24. Clifford adds that he will look into doing the clean sweep during the extravaganza. Commissioner Zelasco adds that we will begin advertising in February the Clean Sweep and the Recycling Extravaganza at the same time and will also inform residents as to what we will be recycling at this event. Chairman Kreuzer adds we would also like to offer paper shredding. Chairman Kreuzer asks Clifford about adding a decal on the recycling containers informing residents on what can be recycled. Clifford states that a decal will be made. The industry currently is taking a hard look at what is going to be recycled and how to get the contamination rate down. Groot will have a final list prior to the decal submission. Chairman Kreuzer adds we are happy to promote through the village those items that are not recyclable in order to reduce contamination.
3. Xmas Styrofoam Recycling-Commissioner Zelasco reports that he is still working on this. Currently Dart has a place in Aurora for people to bring their Styrofoam. Perhaps our public works department could set up a Styrofoam recycling container.

VII. Trustee Liaison Report – Trustee Enright reports that parking is still a big concern in the downtown area. We are still reviewing all available parking options. One

option was a \$6 million parking garage that would have 100 spots. At this time a parking garage would be too expensive. Way finder signs are still an option to point patrons to available parking.

VIII. Staff Liaison's Report

- A. Involvement Next Semester – Staff Liaison Cabrera reports that she will now be at all of the EC meetings through the end of May.
- B. Transition to Electronic Commission Packets – Effective January 1st all agenda packets and minutes for the EC will be online.

IX. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on January 16, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Cabrera