

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 15, 2018

Board or Commission: Environmental
Meeting: Regular
Quorum: Yes

Date: May 15, 2018
Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:50 p.m.

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

Also Present:

Peter Blatchford	Student Intern	Absent
Bill Enright	Liaison Trustee	Absent

Public Present:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 15, 2018 regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM at the College of DuPage, Student Resource Center.

II. College of DuPage Prairie Tour – A representative from the College of DuPage gave a Prairie tour to the EC board.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 17, 2018 MEETING – Approved

MOVE TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FROM 4/17/2018

RESULT: Motion Unanimously Carried

MOVER: Commissioner Crawford

SECONDER: Commissioner Zelasco

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Preservation Ordinance(s) – Commissioners Meehan and Crawford report that they met last week to come up with a strategy from a big picture standpoint looking at the existing ordinance and seeing how to tweak it. They would like to come up with a Tree Owners Bill of Rights that states what should happen, who to contact and how to protect and respect neighbors and their property. Currently there is no law enforcement with respect to trees. Commissioner Crawford states he believes we have the right codes and ordinances in place but they are not being enforced. We would like more transparency and a way to handle disputes. The Bill of Rights would be a guide. He adds that other municipalities impose large fines if residents do not comply with the codes and ordinances. Commissioner Umlauf adds that the village values the tree canopy and Glen Ellyn has a 70% tree canopy which is more than most communities. Chairman Kreuzer adds we should try to attend a planning commission meeting so we could push our EC agenda and build alliances.
2. SCARCE – Commissioner Gregory asks the EC board if we could make a donation to support SCARCE in the amount of \$200-\$500. Neighboring communities are donating. Chairman Kreuzer asks Commissioner Gregory to look into this and bring it up at the next EC meeting. Commissioner Zelasco adds that a field trip to SCARCE would be a good idea. Perhaps we can offer our Styrofoam recycling there.
3. Clean Sweep: Commissioner Zelasco reports that the date for this is set by Groot. Perhaps next time we can try to offer the Clean Sweep before our Recycle Extravaganza.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts & Art Reach Subcommittee Report, Adrienne Gregory.

1. The Tube/Funding – Commissioner Meehan reports that they met with the CPA group to discuss funding options. Commissioner Meehan asked the EC board if

they would like to have the CPA come to the June EC meeting. The board agrees. Chairman Kreuzer adds that he will invite Bill Holmer to attend the June meeting as well. Commissioner Meehan will follow up with the CPA group.

2. Revisions to Sign Code – Chairman Kreuzer reports that the murals were not part of the sign code revisions. He asked Bill Holmer to work with Stacy to make sure the EC's recommendations would be included in the sign code revisions.
3. Dark Skies/Lights out Summer Initiative – Commissioner Umlauf reports that she spoke with Julius about shutting off village lights that are not promoting dark skies and he said he could not do that. Commissioner Meehan adds that perhaps we could use some of the EC budget to gain support and create awareness and participation with the community. This could be accomplished by making fliers and putting them in resident's mailboxes. Chairman Kreuzer asked to move this initiative into the Health, Wellness, and Transportation subcommittee and revisit this in June.
4. Glen Ellyn Fund- Commissioner Gregory reports that they had a meeting at Brookdale to raise awareness. There were 40-50 people in attendance. As a result of the meeting we will be receiving a \$50,000 donation from one of the attendees. In addition another Glen Ellyn couple will be making a donation as well.

B. Sustainable Landscaping Subcommittee Report – Jennifer Umlauf

1. EC Webpage- No update
2. Month Videos/E-Blasts – No update
3. Native Landscaping Garden Walk – Commissioner Umlauf reports that we have 4 locations set up and it will take place on Saturday June 23rd.
4. Community Garden – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that this is a great initiative but we are coming up short with help in the summer. She asks the EC board if they would be able to help harvest and drop off the food at the food pantry. The EC board agrees to help when needed. Frigo adds that the Park District website has a link for you to sign up to help.
5. Tree Planning Initiative/September Tree Sale – Park District Liaison Frigo reports that she is working with Jan on this and how to get the info out to the village. The tree sale will take place in September.

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

1. Zagster/Green Bike –No update
2. North/South Bike Connection – Commissioner Zelasco reports that we are looking for Glen Ellyn to be a hub and we would want a docking station.
3. Coal Tar Resolution- Commissioner Zelasco reports that the resolution did pass. Now we need to figure out how to educate our residents. Chairman Kreuzer adds

we can point out the village is a sponsor of this. Perhaps an education campaign would be helpful to get the word out. A press release in the newspaper would help. Commissioner Umlauf will work with Commission Zelasco on a press release.

4. Recycling Extravaganza – Commissioner Zelasco reports that the Extravaganza went well and thanks the EC board for all their help. All bills have been paid for this event. We received mostly positive feedback. Next year I will put together a checklist to make sure we have everything we need. Also the location for next year may change.

D. Energy Sustainability/Recycle Subcommittee Report, Jeff Abeln

1. 2018 Cool DuPage Initiative: Commissioner Abeln reports that he spoke with Bill Holmer and he said that the Civic Center audit has been cancelled several times. Commissioner Abeln is looking into why this is happening.
2. Solar Initiative – Commissioner Abeln reports that he attended the mayor caucus meeting today. He needs to get a copy of the Franchise Cost Agreement so this can be renegotiated. Chairman Kreuzer asks Commissioner Abeln to send a FOYA to the village. Commissioner Abeln will have the Solar Initiative speakers come to the June EC meeting.

VIII. Trustee Liaison Report – No Report

IX. Staff Liaison's Report – No Report

X. Next Meeting & Adjournment

- A. The next EC meeting will be held on June 19, 2018.
- B. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Submitted by Elisa Pollina, Recording Secretary

Reviewed by Staff Liaison, Holmer