



MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
June 21, 2010

Call to Order by the Chairman

The June 21, 2010 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairman Fuller at 7:03 p.m. in the Village Hall Lunch Room.

Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and Chairman Fuller noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairman Fuller; Commissioners Beck, Blomquist, Halliday, and Saunders;
and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Nelson

GUESTS: Mr. Roy Fickel, Public Works Department
Mr. Ron Ganim, Resident
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Fuller asked for corrections or comments to the May 17, 2010 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page three, second paragraph should read, "... passed a phosphorous ban in dishwashing detergent."

Page three, fifth paragraph, first line should read, "... a cross-shredding document ..."

Page three, sixth paragraph, first line should read, "... began free recycling of electronics on ..."

Page four, fifth paragraph, second line should read, "... should be examined; perhaps creating ..."

Page four, sixth paragraph, second line should read, "... proposed stormwater policy ..."

Commissioner Saunders moved to approve the May 17, 2010 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

General Communications

The next North Shore Commissioners meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2010 at the Glencoe Village Hall.

Commissioner Halliday distributed photocopies of the toxic chemical bibliography she wrote.

Commissioner Blomquist and an Eagle Scout candidate (with his troop) removed buckthorn and honeysuckle from Sleepy Hollow Park and replaced them with 12 oak trees. The troop also made two Leopold benches with cedar donated from Standard Lumber, a Glenview-based company.

Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None.

Old Business

Green Table Planning

The Green Table schedule for the Farmers Market is complete and has been posted on the Village website. Tee shirts and “Nature in Glenview” bi-fold pamphlets will be distributed from the Green Table on Saturday, June 26. Some of Glenview’s green businesses will staff the Green Table including Abt Electronics, Kurt Horvath of Intrinsic Landscaping, Jonathan Smith of Effective Air, and Ron Cowgill of D/R Services, Limited.

Chicago River Blue Silver Ribbon Award and River Summit

Friends of the Chicago River held the inaugural Blue Ribbon Awards ceremony for excellence in riverfront development at the Big Fish Ball fundraiser. The Village of Glenview received the Silver Ribbon for the West Fork Corridor Habitat Project. Ms. Flakne will be a speaker at the Friends of the Chicago River summit on Friday, June 25, 2010 being held at the Merchandise Mart.

New Business

Reach 1 Communications

Ms. Carol Freeman’s proposal has been chosen by the Village to create public outreach publicity for Reach 1 which will include:

- Series of photographs throughout the Reach 1 project
- Map of the area (Reach 1 as it looks now with perhaps an overlay of its finished appearance)
 - a) Using the words “Award Winning”
 - b) Showing a small diagram of the West Fork going through the Village
 - c) Showing the Willow Creek Shopping Center, bike trail in Techny Basin, and Willow Road as visual landmarks
- Logo
 - a) Using colors green and blue
 - b) To be used for this project as well as future projects along the West Fork which could be placed on stickers and signs
 - c) Possibly showing a pattern of the river through the Village

- d) Incorporating a silver ribbon
 - e) With one of these phrases:
 - “West Fork River Corridor” and visual representation of a river or
 - “West Fork Environmental Corridor” or
 - “Nature on the West Fork”
 - “It’s all connected” or “We’re all connected.”

- Flyer (which requires copy from Ms. Janet Spector Bishop’s article in the Village newsletter).

Consideration should be given to installing a sign stating the source of funding.

Waukegan Road Urban Rain Garden/Grant Proposals

Ms. Flakne said Waukegan Road is being resurfaced this year, and an urban rain garden demonstration will be a part of this project. Glenview has applied for 319 grant funding for an urban rain garden along Waukegan Road near Dewes Street and the river.

Glenview has also applied for grant funding for another detention basin retrofit.

Some of the Stormwater Task Force Capital Projects suggestions are:

- South Circles BMP (Best Management Practices) Project recommendation is digging up pavement to create ditches and swales to slow down stormwater before it gets to the river.
- Rain gardens installed in between houses. The Natural Resources Commission pointed out that another good location may be in front of Lyon School.

Lot 16 Engineering Options

Chairman Fuller, Mr. Joe Kenney, and Ms. Flakne met recently to discuss different options for stormwater storage on Lot 16 and suggested to:

- Obtain an analysis for using gravity to make Lot 16 into a wetland so that it rises and falls with the river which would result in an ecological benefit and have a stormwater benefit.
- Install a low dam or control structure at the south end of the existing pond near Lot 16 so water could be stored at a higher elevation in the pond and in the wetland for a temporary period.

Residential Streambank Outreach

The Natural Resources Commission suggested creating a program (similar to the Rain Garden Program) of subsidizing riparian homeowners who are experiencing erosion problems and would like to stabilize their land. Ms. Flakne spoke with the Stormwater Management Commission of Lake County about applying for a 319 Grant but the Village must first determine how many residents would be interested in this project. Mr. Kenney spoke with engineering firm Baxter &

Woodman to create a proposal to examine the river and residential properties to determine general educational principles and practices which the residents could easily perform. After general recommendations are made, public meetings could be arranged. Perhaps this could become a technical assistance outreach program. The river frontage should be an asset not a liability. Research material should be developed for homeowners listing what kind of plants will not get washed away. Commissioner Beck will work with Mr. Kenney.

Mr. Fickel said many of the pear trees on the east side of the Glenview Train Station are dying and asked Commissioners for tree and plant suggestions that could be installed possibly this fall or next spring. Rain gardens surrounding the new trees would be beneficial. Salt should be channeled away from the plants and diverted to the storm sewers. The turf grass at the train station should be salt-tolerant.

Adjournment

Commissioner Beck moved to adjourn. Commissioner Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott
Recording Secretary