



MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
October 18, 2010

Call to Order by the Chairman

The October 18, 2010 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:08 p.m. in the Village Hall Lunch Room.

Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and Chairperson Saunders noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Beck, Blomquist, and Chiappetta;
and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Halliday

GUESTS: Mr. Jerry Burke, Director of Public Works Department
Mr. Roy Fickel, Public Works Department
Mr. Ron Ganim, Glenview Resident
Mr. Jonathan Graef, Student at Columbia College
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the September 29, 2010 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting. There were no corrections.

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the September 29, 2010 Minutes as written. Commissioner Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0.

General Communications

On November 8, 2010 The Johnson Foundation will hold the "Value of Great Lakes Water Initiative Workshop" at Wingspread in Racine, Wisconsin sponsored by the Great Lakes Commission, Alliance for Water Efficiency, and The Johnson Foundation. The workshop will review benefits of alternative rate structures as one tool of many to meet water conservation goals.

Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None.

Old Business

Welcome to Chairperson Saunders

Ms. Robyn Flakne welcomed Commissioner Henrietta Saunders as the newly appointed Chairperson for the Natural Resources Commission. The Natural Resources Commissioner replacement candidates may have scientific expertise or be a naturalist.

Permeable Parking Lot Topics

The Commission created a NRC Minutes heading of Permeable Parking Lot Topics in order to have a list of topics for on-going discussions. These subjects may not necessarily be discussed at every meeting but may be referred to from time-to-time.

- Consortium of Stormwater Task Force and Natural Resources Commission.
 - Create a list of projects, i.e., Lot 16, that concerns both groups so grant applications are strengthened. It is advisable to have available a completed feasibility study for Lot 16.
- Ask Mr. Joe Kenney if he has contacted Baxter & Woodman about a Lot 16 control structure.
- Contact Ms. Debra Shore, MWRD, about converting Lot 16 into a wetland.
- More stormwater regulations are forthcoming from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Perhaps the Village should consider adopting a “Cap and Trade” concept which allows a municipality to trade credits.
- Review Mr. Kenney’s comments about the Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant program (IGIG) for Stormwater Management through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Ms. Flakne said 2011 first round grant applications are due in mid-December. There is about \$5 million available statewide this year, and the program may possibly be renewed annually.

The Village has begun a pilot program to use a porous asphalt surface for the new parking lot at Metra’s The Glen of North Glenview train station.

Commissioner Beck suggested a Commissioners field trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where several green alternatives are already in place.

It is important for the Village to be strategically ready to capture grant or other funding programs.

Chairperson Saunders reiterated NRC’s desire to be a resource for the Village.

Developing Business Plan for NRC (Guest Speaker: Mr. Jerry Burke)

Mr. Burke said because the NRC had compiled *The Plan for Nature* it allowed for easy development of a draft annual Business Plan. The Capital Projects Department will continue to make some monies available for projects and Ms. Flakne will continue to research available grants. Ms. Flakne developed a draft NRC Business Plan that accompanies *The Plan for Nature*.

Goal #1 – Comments:

Commissioners were displeased with the idea of meeting only six times per year. There was concern if the Commission meets less than 10-12 times per year, less will be accomplished. Chairperson Saunders wanted to learn the Village's motivation for the reduction of meetings and to discuss and have input in the NRC's Business Plan.

Commissioner Beck said as part of the outcome for the Business Plan is to get rid of invasive species in Glenview, it is important that surrounding communities should also be on board.

Commissioner Beck wished to clarify some terms:

Goal: to accomplish something.

Output: prioritized steps that accomplish what one wants.

Outcome: what one has accomplished.

Goal #2 – Comments:

Commissioner Blomquist noted that when volunteers are engaged in natural areas that is when the NRC is having the best impact.

Goal #3 – Comments:

Mr. Burke said grant applications should be tied to *The Plan for Nature*.

Goal #4 – Comments:

Mr. Burke wondered if a certain number of ordinances and policies should be reviewed annually.

Goal #5 – Comments:

Mr. Burke asked if the NRC's projects receive enough publicity.

Goal #6 – Comments:

Mr. Burke questioned if Commissioners should be required by the Business Plan to attend more than fifty percent of the North Shore Environmental Commissioners (NSEC) meetings. Commissioner Beck said the NSEC meetings could be attended by Natural Resources Commissioners and Ms. Flakne which continues the flow of information. Commissioners should look for opportunities to take leadership roles on some issues. Glenview should continue to host additional NSEC meetings. Commissioner Blomquist said environmental and natural resources issues must be addressed regionally.

Goal #7 – Comments:

Mr. Burke noted that some ideas in *The Plan for Nature* will end up in the NRC's Business Plan. How many NRC meetings per year will be required?

Chairperson Saunders acknowledged Ms. Flakne's time is related to the number of NRC annual meetings. What are the drivers for the Business Plan? Mr. Burke distributed copies of a draft list of NRC Projected Six-Meeting Agenda Topics. Goals should be made followed by a plan by which they may be attained. The Business Plan should be finalized by January, 2011. The NRC's Implementation Plan is reviewed a few times per year.

Commissioner Beck noted the NRC made an effort to bring in experts to inform Commissioners. Are there models of established programs which the Commission can replicate? Items brought up in NRC meeting discussions are developed over a period of time.

- The NRC will clarify the "Assigned" column for each of the seven goals.
- Chairperson Saunders agreed it was a good idea to take *The Plan for Nature* goals as the goals for the Commission. Perhaps the Commission's Vision, Mission, & Objectives Statement could be incorporated as well.

The Commission should consider reviewing The NRC's Vision Mission, & Objectives Statement.

Commissioner Beck distributed copies of the "Logic Model." It was developed in a university setting in order to help governments and not-for-profit organizations develop a business plan. This Commission has a limited amount of Village Staff time and budget dollars. It is easy to come up with desired long-term outcomes:

- Preserve as much nature in Glenview as possible.
- Work towards having Glenview in the best possible condition.
- Encourage all to be stewards of both private and public lands.

Drafts of the developing NRC Business Plan should be dated.

Chairperson Saunders would like Commissioners' input on the Business Plan sent to Ms. Flakne by November 1, 2010; she will incorporate the comments into the next draft document and have ready for the November 15, 2010 NRC meeting.

Summary of Farmer's Market Green Table

Discussion of the Summary of Farmer's Market Green Table has been deferred until the summary document is completed.

Review of Local Environmental Commissioners Meeting October 2

Chairperson Saunders and Commissioner Halliday attended the October 2, 2010 North Shore Environmental Commissioners meeting in Glencoe. Chairperson Saunders sent NRC Commissioners a link to Glencoe's sustainability Visions and Goals (written by Glencoe's Village Trustees). Glencoe has started a Village-wide council where institutions (including the Chicago

Botanic Garden, schools, and churches) have been asked about best practices within each institution to determine how they can help each other. Commissioner Beck added there are a number of sustainability models available for perusing, i.e., a plan for Lake Michigan and the city of Melbourne, Australia. The date and location for the next North Shore Commissioners meeting has not yet been determined. Discussion of the North Shore Environmental Commissioners meeting of October 2, 2010 will be continued to allow for Commissioner Halliday's comments.

Fall River Work Day Planning (October 30)

Ms. Flakne and former NRC Chairman Fuller will mark the brush that is to be removed around Reach 1 on the east side of the river. Chairperson Saunders will supply a table. The Village's request for volunteers was sent to District 34 students via e-mail. Commissioner Chiappetta will request volunteers from Project Earth members at Glenbrook South High School.

Stormwater Task Force

Even though the Stormwater Task Force group has finished meeting, its members would like some continuity but are undecided in the format.

New Business

School Outreach

District 225 has instituted a new internship program. It has asked institutions and businesses to sponsor high school students for unpaid internships for 75 hours per semester. Perhaps Ms. Flakne would be interested in taking on two or three students. There are some landscaping companies in Glenview that may be interested. Mr. Burke and Ms. Flakne will consider how they might make the program an asset rather than a burden, and therefore, worth applying for interns.

The detention basin on Glenbrook South grounds is full of teasel. The Project Earth team at GBS is working on water quality analysis at its near-by detention basin and will test it every other week.

Adjournment

Commissioner Beck moved to adjourn. Commissioner Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott
Recording Secretary