



**MINUTES**  
**GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**July 16, 2012**

**Call to Order by the Chairman**

The July 16, 2012 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:07 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, Ganim, and Halliday;  
and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioners Blomquist and Chiappetta

GUESTS: Mr. Roy Fickel, Superintendent of Public Works Department  
Ms. Cailey Hinz, Summer Intern, Public Works Department  
Ms. Amber Kim, Summer Intern, Public Works Department  
Ms. Catherine Bechtoldt, Glenview Resident  
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the May 21, 2012 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page two, second paragraph, second line should read, "... Garden will hold a World Environment Day. The keynote presentation will be WGN-TV's Meteorologist Tom Skilling and News Anchor Bob Jordan, and University of Illinois Professor Don Wuebbles."

Page three, third paragraph should read, "2. The second proposal was not discussed by the Commission."

Page four, third paragraph should read, "The Forest Preserve District of Cook County held its First Annual Science Symposium at Café Brauer in ..."

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the May 21, 2012 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0.

**General Communications**

A "Green Tip" mentioned: water trees.

A copy of an article from THE GLENVIEW JOURNAL, which mentions Commissioner Beck and Ms. Robyn Flakne, was circulated among Commissioners.

Recycling events need to have more clarity and publicity as each village recycles different things because of differing agreements with Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).

Commissioner Beck attended a meeting concerning a regional collaborative effort being led by The Morton Arboretum called the Regional Trees Initiative, whose concern is the tree canopy of the Chicago region. Commissioner Beck will keep the NRC apprised of this initiative's progress. Perhaps more information about the Regional Trees Initiative will be disseminated at the Chicago Wilderness Congress 2012: Shaping the Future of Regional Conservation on Thursday, November 15, 2012 at University of Illinois at Chicago.

The Village will hold a workshop about stormwater tomorrow, July 17, prior to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Lake Michigan's water level is down almost two feet.

### **Consideration of Cases on the Agenda**

None.

### **Old Business**

#### **• Report on Recent Meetings and Events**

##### **◦ Rotary Club, May 29**

Ms. Flakne gave a presentation to the Rotary Club regarding green infrastructure and what projects Glenview has completed.

##### **◦ Illinois Tool Works (ITW) Environment Day, June 6**

Ms. Cailey Hinz prepared a poster presentation on recycling, composting, and rain gardens for ITW's World Environment Day event, which was also attended by Chairperson Saunders, Commissioner Ganim, and Ms. Flakne. ITW has a Sustainability Director on staff.

##### **◦ Glenview Summer Festival, June 30**

Ms. Lynne Stiefel, along with other Village staff, encouraged residents to sign up for e-Glenview at the Glenview Summer Festival. Staff gave away bright red sharps containers for recycling of medical paraphernalia at Village Hall. In order to promote natural resources interest in children the NRC could:

- Display a green item
- Distribute a fun trinket such as a tattoo
- Face-painting of animal or insect species
- Creepy crawly bugs for touching.

- **Fourth of July Parade, July 4**

Commissioner Beck was the Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July Parade. The Park District Trustees and the Village Trustees walked together and held signs (prepared by Ms. Hinz and Ms. Kim) which celebrated the Village's environmental successes.

- **Council of North Suburban Environment Commissions (CONSEC)**

There has not been a CONSEC meeting since the last NRC meeting on May 21. The next CONSEC meeting will be held on August 25 and Commissioner Ganim will attend. Commissioner Beck will e-mail the Regional Trees Initiative handout to the Chicago Botanic Garden so it may be available for CONSEC members.

- **Farmer's Market Green Table (ongoing)**

Ms. Flakne attended the Farmer's Market Green Table answering questions about Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). There is a Frequently Asked Questions page about EAB on the Village website. Ms. Kim and Ms. Hinz created the EAB display shown at the Green Table. Mr. Bruce Horigan showed what can be done with urban wood as it is reclaimed.

Commissioner Ganim also attended the Green Table along with Mr. Alan Rubin from Glenview Cycle who displayed some biking accessories. Joining them was Ms. Barb Cornew, Suburban Outreach Manager from Active Transportation Alliance, a non-profit biking organization, and Village President, Ms. Kerry Cummings. Active Transportation Alliance has a program called Complete Streets which works on biking and pedestrian opportunities as well as public transit.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) has launched the GO TO 2040 Partnership Program which has a biking element. Glenview's bike plan began in 2007. Mr. Joe Kenney, Director of the Development Department, has begun implementing this plan but it is not yet fully funded. The Village website has a Geographic Information System (GIS) which guides people on how to get from one place in town to another. The Bike Plan is on the Village website showing what is planned and what has been accomplished. Commissioner Ganim will speak with Mr. Kenney about future bike path plans.

- **Others**

- **Planning for Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- **Lake Co. SMC North Branch Watershed Planning Committee, August 8**

The Lake County SMC North Branch Watershed Planning Committee meeting will be held on August 8 at the Evelyn Pease Tyner Interpretive Center at 12:00 noon. Mr. Russ Jensen will speak on permeable pavement.

- **Green Infrastructure Bike Tour, August 12**

Twelve people signed up for the Green Infrastructure bike tour on August 12. Participants should receive an e-mail notice reminding them of the bike tour date. Ms. Flakne will contact riparian

residents for whom she has an e-mail address and inform them of the upcoming bike tour. The ideal number of participants is twenty. The Active Transportation Alliance offered to place a notice of this event on its blog. The bike tour leaders will be: Chairperson Saunders, Commissioner Halliday, Commissioner Ganim, and Ms. Flakne. A participant wait-list should be instituted. The Bike Plan is on the Village website showing what is planned and what has been accomplished.

The self-guided bike tour is on the Village website and is being modified to be more user-friendly. Commissioner Beck noted the bike tour may have two different types of participants:

- Glenview residents observing Village restorations and streambank stabilizations
- Recreational cyclists looking for a new path.

- **Fall River Day**

Chairperson Saunders will call the Glenbrook South High School Interact Chair to determine the date which would coincide with the school schedule for Fall River Day. Interact is open to juniors and seniors who are interested in public service projects and helping those in need. In the future, the date for Fall River Day will be chosen in the spring.

- **Natural Resources Information Page on Website**

The Village Information Technology (IT) Department consolidated almost all of the Natural Resources information onto one website page and divided it into categories. One Commissioner commented:

- The graphics are good
- Ms. Flakne should be recognized by name
- The paragraph which notes the Park District also has responsibilities for open space in Glenview should be followed by the website link for the Park District
- The Residents section could be renamed as it includes information for those that want to be stewards
- Add Seasonal Tips including when and what to water.

- **Outreach**

- A date for the Fall River Day should be chosen then schools should be contacted for volunteers
- Natural Resources information could be placed in a Red Box at the Glenview Train Stations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Open Meetings Act Online training, <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/Default.aspx>**

Ms. Lisa Goodwin confirmed that Village Commissioners should take online training for the Open Meetings Act. After completion, each Commissioner should be acknowledged in some way as having completed the training.

Commissioner Beck moved to change the next Natural Resources Commission meeting to Monday, October 1, 2012. Commissioner Halliday seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0.

The NRC will meet on November 19, 2012 and not hold a meeting in December, 2012.

## **Adjournment**

Commissioner Ganim moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott  
Recording Secretary