

**MINUTES  
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
March 14, 2016**

**1. Call to Order by the Chairperson**

The March 14, 2016 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:11 p.m. in the Rugen Community Room at City Hall.

**2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum**

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

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Halliday, Newman, Ganim and Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioners Beck and Chiappetta

GUESTS: Farrukh Jafter, League of Women Voters and Lynne Stiefel

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The following changes were made to the November 16, 2015 Minutes:

- On page 1, under General Communications, line 6 – Change sentence to, “Dr. Flakne is writing a grant application that would involve students at Glenbrook South, Loyola and a school in the Albany Park area for a communication plan.”
- On page 1, 3<sup>rd</sup> line from bottom – correct the word “undersigned” to “undesigned.”
- On page 2, under Old Business, remove all wording after “...could attend the February meeting.”
- On page 2, capitalize the three words after Eagle Scout
- On page 3, under Heritage Tree Applications – change 1<sup>st</sup> sentence to, “Two applications were received after the Circles’ event was held.”
- On page 3, under Outreach, remove the words “has a large art fair” from 1<sup>st</sup> line. Remove the sentence after “...to display the winners.”

The following changes were made to the January 18, 2016 Minutes:

- On page 1, General Communications – Remove the sentence, “She also shared a flyer...”
- On page 2, Under Park District, place a “.” after the word “guidelines,” and begin a new sentence with “The Village...” Change the word “have” to “allow” in the last sentence.
- On page 2, Under CONSEG, remove 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence, and replace with “The topic was environment and faith.” On line 4, after the words “had done,” add, “and Commissioner Halliday reported she was very impressed with the results.”
- On page 4, paragraph 3, the last sentence needs the word “monarch” replaced with “milkweed.”
- On page 4, under Earth Day, add the following to the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: “...or perhaps at the Summer Festival...”

#### **4. General Communications**

None

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

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Lynne Stiefel discussed the Tree Communication Plan and Monarch Proclamation. She also shared information on the Glenview Art League/NRC Art Competition and Bike Glenview. Ms. Stiefel is meeting in early April with her fellow communicators. They will continue Bike Glenview and help to promote such activities as Bike to Worship (May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>), Farmer's Market Green Table, and a bike ride planned by Friends of Forest Preserve on August 21<sup>st</sup>. The Green Infrastructure bike tour will also be scheduled this summer. Dr. Flakne will confirm which of the two suggested dates is selected, August 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.

Chairperson Saunders attended "Going Green Matters" in Wilmette over the weekend. She was advised that Evanston Bike Club does shorter rides highlighting features of their town that are environmental or historical.

Ms. Stiefel reported that after an extensive application process, Glenview has been designated a bike friendly community by the League of Illinois Bicyclists. The Village asked the NRC to find a location to post the sign indicating this designation; however, the NRC has not yet seen the sign and does not know the exact size. It was proposed placing the sign near the train station where bike racks are located. There is also a trail there near the library. Ms. Stiefel noted it was a very arduous application with several aspects including counting the number of bike racks in the village.

Ms. Stiefel reported that the "Nature in Glenview" art competition program is being developed. She will bring it up at her April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to get information to the schools and park district.

A tent with sides is needed for the Art Fair on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Stiefel stated that the Park District is very interested in the Art Fair and using some of the images from the competition. There is permission on the application form for this.

#### *Monarch Proclamation and Communication*

Chairperson Saunders shared information regarding what Northbrook had done as far as a monarch proclamation and suggested Glenview consider doing one as well. Dr. Flakne explained that there are many ways to get recognition and many interested organizations have united in the Monarch Joint Venture. The monarch way station certification comes from Monarch Watch. The National Wildlife Federation also has a program. She suggested starting with the Monarch Watch level program which is fairly easy to achieve by creating some habitats, applying and self-certifying. They want participants to meet certain criteria and pay a fee to get certified and get a sign. The program she had in mind is to essentially have a scout help with a new butterfly garden at the train station and install the right plants. When that is

built, which will probably be in the fall, some bulbs could be planted. She is asking a Scout to do the certifications for that area and a few others. Once the signs are installed, an announcement could be done for the commuters at the train station. She noted that more than one type of milkweed is needed, so some seeds could be added throughout various locations. Once the Mayor takes the pledge for the National Wildlife Federal program, the Village is committed to do three of about 25 activities and document they were done. Some of these items are things the NRC normally does anyway, such as the Green Table. Chairperson Saunders will talk with Jim Patterson and report back to the NRC.

Chairperson Saunders shared a League of Women Voters flyer about "Grow Natives." A Scout can hand out these out at the Green Table. Ms. Stiefel reported they are in the process of buying some displays for the Village Hall lobby where brochures can be distributed. Abigail Derby-Lewis is working with a teacher at Westbrook on designing a monarch-friendly garden.

Ms. Stiefel reported they had a meeting with Jena from the Park District and were developing a communication plan about trees. They liked the fact the NRC was talking about relaunching the Heritage Tree program and looking at past and future heritage trees. Chairperson Saunders said the Park District has a program for donating trees in memory of an individual. There is also a library program with Dr. Flakne in May to talk about trees. Staff will develop a mini campaign to get publicity around all these events. Dr. Flakne noted that Heritage Tree registration goes from Arbor Day through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, so May is a good time to publicize. The campaign will run from Arbor Day through Oaktobor. They are hoping to get the schools involved at some level.

Chairperson Saunders asked if there is anything else the NRC can do to be helpful. Ms. Stiefel welcomes any ideas from the group. They are looking for authors so if anyone has any suggestions on authors to speak, please share with her.

Chairperson Saunders said Commissioner Beck is interested in getting another community neighborhood tree application similar to what the Circles did. Dr. Flakne noted she has not received any recent heritage tree applications.

This year's Arbor Day event is at Glenbrook South High School and a Triumph Elm will be planted. The Triumph Elm is named for the fact they have survived Dutch Elm disease. Jim Glynn coordinates the Project Earth Environmental Club and will help select the exact school grounds location.

Ms. Stiefel asked that the NRC work together to get examples of trees to be showcased in the newsletter.

#### *Farmers Market Green Table*

Chairman Saunders is starting to get dates and guests lined up. The Farmer's Market will run June 25 – October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### *Business Plan*

Dr. Flakne distributed a revised copy of the draft incorporating all NRC comments that were submitted. It was agreed that this is the final business plan for 2016.

### **Review of recent meetings/events:**

#### *Comprehensive Plan meeting and update*

Chairman Saunders thanked those NRC members who attended the meeting focused on natural resources. She provided a brief report on that meeting. April 7<sup>th</sup> is the next comprehensive plan meeting. The comprehensive plan website for Glenview is worth checking.

#### *Science Fair – Pleasant Ridge – January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Comm. Newman reported the January Science Fair at Pleasant Ridge went well. He learned that the school does not publicize the winners due to their privacy policy. Ms. Stiefel asked that any of his photos be tagged @glenviewvillage so she can view them.

### **Planning for Upcoming Meetings/Events**

#### *Arbor Day – April 29<sup>th</sup>*

Everyone is invited to attend; however, Dr. Flakne requested advanced commitment for those planning on attending. Chairperson Saunders confirmed she will be in attendance.

#### *River Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>*

Chairperson Saunders noted that Prom might reduce the number of Project Earth and other high school students available on this date. She also noted that per Village ordinance, a new student needs to be recruited for the NRC.

#### *Glenview Values Group – May*

This is the group that meets monthly with members from the schools, clergy, Chamber of Commerce, etc. It is also the same group that does the Character Counts program. Chairperson Saunders was asked to present to them in early May at a breakfast meeting. She noted that it is a nice community outreach that fits into the NRC Business Plan.

#### *Library Presentation – May 19<sup>th</sup>*

Dr. Flakne will be speaking about Heritage Trees at this presentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Pine St. Cleanup – May 7<sup>th</sup>*

Dr. Flakne was contacted by Paul Brancky, regarding an area of homes along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River was bought out by the village and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD). The properties are currently vacant as the homes were demolished. Mr. Brancky spoke to her regarding a neighborhood clean-up planned for May 7<sup>th</sup> for removing some of the trash and buckthorn from the river banks. Everything cleaned up will

be placed to the curb for the Village to pick-up for disposal. They are recruiting volunteers from scout troops and neighbors and will be distributing flyers for additional recruitment.

**6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eileen Schultz*  
Recording Secretary