

MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
May 23, 2016

Final

1. Call to Order by the Chairman

The May 23, 2016 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:05 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.

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 (7:48 p.m.), Ganim, Beck and Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

GUESTS: Roy Fickel, Superintendent of Public Works, and Emily Okallau, Natural Resources Intern

ABSENT: Commissioner Chiappetta

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the March 14, 2016 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting. The following revisions will be made:

- Page 3 – Jenna is spelled with one “n” (should be “Jena”)
- Page 4 – last paragraph – 1st sentence – replace “who said” with the word “regarding”

Commissioner Halliday moved to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as amended. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Dr. Flakne introduced the summer intern, Emily Okallau, who provided some information about her background. Ms. Okallau grew up near Glenview and recently received her Master’s degree. She will be working with the Village until September doing a variety of tasks under Dr. Flakne’s supervision.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

There were no cases for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS

Monarch proclamation

Chairperson Saunders thanked Dr. Flakne for her efforts in obtaining sign-off on the Mayors’ Monarch Proclamation. She plans to have it framed and hung. It was suggested it be taken to the Green Table the day Abigail Derby Lewis is there. Commissioner Beck proposed displaying it in a case at the library and park district next spring to combine the Mayors’ proclamation simultaneously with the plant sale at The Grove. Dr. Flakne will be meeting with an Eagle Scout

regarding doing a number of activities in support of the proclamation. His project includes milkweed giveaway at the train station. Commissioner Ganim reported he saw milkweed along the bike trail by Techny Basin but it subsequently disappeared. Commissioner Beck suggested having residents start seeds in their homes in containers prior to planting outside. Chairperson Saunders inquired about the time frame for getting the Monarch proclamation activities complete.

Glenview Art League/NRC Art Competition

The League is extending the deadline to June 15 in an attempt to get as many entries as possible.

Review of recent meetings/events

- Arbor Day, April 29: Commissioner Ganim reported that he and Dr. Flakne went to the high school where a Triumph Elm had been planted. Glenbrook South teacher Jim Glynn was there along with a dozen students. This tree species was actually created at the Morton Arboretum and is very resistant to Dutch Elm disease and elm yellows. It is located south of the main entrance on a grassy area where it will receive plenty of light. He spoke with the students and Dr. Flakne made a few comments. Commissioner Ganim feels Glenview has met the requirement to be a Tree City.
- Glenview Values Group: Chairperson Saunders spoke to this group in March, and they seemed very interested in the plan for nature and Glenview's natural resources. She reviewed what's been happening in the plan and that it will be incorporated in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. She wanted them to understand Complete Streets and Accessibility for streets, and green infrastructure, and they were very supportive. She brought along the poster that was created by two Loyola University students, one of whom is from Glenview. The students were particularly excited about the OLPH bike sale.
- Pine St. Clean-Up, May 7th: Dr. Flakne reported this was driven by residents led by Paul Brancky, who were able to get scout troops to clean up this portion of the flood plain buyouts. Their biggest effort was buckthorn cutting. Mr. Fickel had a Public Works crew clean up what the group piled by the curb.
- River Day, May 14th: Most of the NRC members were in attendance and there was some press coverage. It was successful considering it was very cold and the day after Prom. The river was also very high, so it was problematic for locating debris. Chairperson Saunders would like to reconnect with some of the scout troops in the area for future projects. Commissioner Beck spoke about the Moby Duck book project and how it was tracked around the world. Another river clean-up will be scheduled for the fall.

- Library presentation, May 19th: Dr. Flakne presented information on trees. Although there was light attendance, Commissioner Beck felt that it was an excellent presentation. They will be contacting the senior center to request giving that group a presentation.
- Comprehensive Plan Meetings and Update: There is another meeting scheduled for Thursday at 7:00p.m. The Commission is reviewing and fine tuning the Plan. Natural Resources is either Chapter 5 or 7. There will be one more meeting after this one where the Trustees will walk through it prior to wrapping it up by mid-June.
- CONSEG Meetings: Commissioner Beck reported the topic last time was the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's comprehensive planning on the regional scale for multiple counties for public transportation dollars. In order to get transportation dollars, a regional Comprehensive Plan is needed. They are now working on "On To 2050." CONSEG had invited them, but the person who attended did very little on Comprehensive Planning and a whole lot on zoning ordinances. Commissioner Beck explained Glenview has an Environmentally Significant Area ordinance to protect nature. There was a discussion about possibly bringing back CONSEC. Ms. Beck suggested that the group present new topics that might attract municipal staff to the meetings. Dr. Flakne said there are forester groups that exist which staff attends for the continuing education credits to maintain a certification. Chairperson Saunders suggested having citizen advocates attend and share any ideas they feel Glenview would be able to do. Future CONSEG meeting information will be shared once it is released.

When the Comprehensive Plan process is completed, some of the staff at CMAP is poised to help review some of Glenview's ordinances. Chairperson Saunders felt that Commissioner Ganim would be helpful to that process. Dr. Flakne applied for assistance since Planning and Development is overloaded with work. Commissioner Beck stated that CMAP Grants tend to go to communities who have never done comprehensive planning.

Bike Event: Commissioner Newman was in the forest preserve south of Glenview Road at Harms and Old Orchard and noticed the Forest Preserve put in a shared bike program which allows a rider to pick up a bike and drop off at another location for about \$7.00 an hour. The network is only the forest preserve. Chairperson Saunders stated that the Friends of the Forest Preserve will lead a bike tour for the NRC on that path in August.

Planning for upcoming meetings/events

- Farmer's Market Green Table – The final schedule will be distributed by Chairperson Saunders once corrections are made. She reviewed the dates

already committed to by some of the Commissioners. Dr. Flakne is hoping to get an Eagle Scout to help out with Abigail. The time frame is still 9:00 a.m. to noon even though the market opens at 8:00 a.m. It was noted that the web address under Bike Glenview also needs to be changed. Please forward any other corrections to Chairperson Saunders.

- Green Infrastructure Bike Tour – Dr. Flakne asked which date worked best and it was agreed to hold this event on August 28th at 1:00 p.m. They will be able to promote through Bike Glenview and the Green Table. Dr. Flakne will also publicize as best she can. Chairperson Saunders suggested getting it to the Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- Heritage Tree application/evaluation/announcement – The enrollment period is currently underway and Dr. Flakne has received one application. The deadline for entries is July 4th. Commissioner Beck feels that the NRC needs to take something out to the residents and neighborhoods to make them aware of it. Dr. Flakne reported there are 80 trees enrolled and at the time the program was launched there was a great deal of interest. There was some discussion about how to further publicize the program. Dr. Flakne will try to contact HOA's Commissioner Ganim suggested having another reporter come out the next time he goes out to do the measurements. They could show pictures of the trees and provide information on the trees that were nominated. Dr. Flakne can ask Lynne Stiefel to get word out to the press.

Outreach

NEW BUSINESS

- Chicago River Blue – Dr. Flakne reported that this is a “Friends of the Chicago River” competition to find a river friendly design. Four years ago Glenview was awarded a silver ribbon for doing projects along the river. This year she applied the Riverwalk area, which got a silver ribbon award that will be given at the June 8th recognition ceremony. This year they will allow the purchase of up to four tickets at half price (\$175.00) for this fundraiser.
- Commissioner Beck spoke about the Conserve Lake County organization. They have a program that started out as free, although there is now a charge. They do a site inspection which she thought would be very beneficial for Glenview homeowners. She has also spoken to Chicago Wilderness about the program. Chairman Saunders received information that they are starting the concept in Cook County through the University of Illinois extension service, which will have volunteers from the Master Gardener's program perform the inspections. They also have a native plants sale every year. She suggested having a speaker at one of their meetings and wants to think about this for Glenview. Commissioner Beck noted that some type of recognition sometimes helps, i.e. a marker or plaque on the home. Chairperson Saunders felt it would be best if

citizens contacted the Village and expressed an interest. Commissioner Beck said the extension service will put out a call for volunteers and train them by July 7th. She will try to obtain additional information.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Ganim moved to adjourn; Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0. Chairperson Saunders adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz
Recording Secretary