

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 24, 2017**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The July 24, 2017 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 p.m. in the Dewes Conference Room at Village 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 Beck, Halliday, Newman, Ganim and Dr. Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Chung

GUESTS: Scott Daniels, Glenview Resident
Mark Kopec, Glenview resident
Katy Russell, Glenview resident
Samantha Levi, Intern
Lucas Slavicek, Intern
Jerry Liu, Intern

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested to be made to the May 15, 2017 Minutes:

- Page 2, 1st sentence – Replace “work” with the word “interact.” Eliminate last three words and replace with “increasing species diversity.”
- Page 3 - Under Green Business Award, Mark Kolpec should be spelled “Kopec.”
- Page 3 - VCAPS should be spelled out: Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning
- Page 4 – Lacrosse should be changed to LaCrosse

Commissioner Ganim moved to approve the May 15, 2017 minutes as amended. Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Commissioner Beck reported on the Chicago Wilderness meeting and provided a brief history of the organization and what they do, including providing training and education about prairie maintenance. Early in its history, Chicago Wilderness was funded largely by federal grants. When federal priorities changed and grants dried up, Chicago Wilderness Trust handled their finances. They then instituted a membership policy for dues. That money was supposed to make up for the grants, but when it didn't they closed the trust, so the legal entity is no longer in existence. The meeting she recently attended had representatives in attendance from organizations that were previously involved. The work will continue in some form as those individuals and organizations are still very committed.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Green Business Award

Commissioner Newman shared a copy of the revised draft of the Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award created by him, Mark Kopec and Scott Daniels. They incorporated all the comments received from the NRC during May's meeting. He explained that they want to acknowledge businesses doing sustainability work and have been looking at initiatives taken by businesses, getting awareness out and encouraging participation. Much of this will be done through the Village. They also want to get the high school and Chamber of Commerce involved. The awards are self-nominated. They are looking at an 18-month award cycle at first and then moving to a 12-month cycle once the program is up and running. If there are enough entries, they would like to do gold, bronze and silver categories. Award eligibility is for organizations serving the Glenview community. Input from the NRC included:

- Chairperson Saunders stated that the village would probably want to promote Glenview.
- Commissioner Ganim suggested defining the word "sustainability."
- Commissioner Beck suggested finding out the Chamber of Commerce language.
- Commissioner Beck suggested including "conserve energy and water usage."
- Commissioner Ganim asked about solar energy falling under the Scope.
- Commissioner Beck suggested having a Glenview Honor Roll of Sustainable Organizations who win each year and also include past winners.

Discussion ensued regarding who is eligible to apply for an award. Ms. Levi suggested getting the Business People of America high school students involved. The end of January or early February might be the best time for applications to be due. The award would be announced in the fall. Everyone agreed the awards should be announced at a Trustee Meeting, possibly in March. Commissioner Newman will forward the revised draft to the village for input and start promoting in the winter and publicizing.

- Intern Reports

Jerry Liu is the tree intern paid by the Society of Municipal Arborists. He explained what he has been doing in his position since May. He learned from staff about how to be an urban arborist and gained knowledge to recognize disease and identify trees. He will return to Valparaiso University this week as a major in civil engineering.

Samantha and Lucas have been removing invasive species by Techny Basin and maintaining the bio swales and weeding. They shared photos of some of the plants they came across during their work. They have also worked on the monarch survey.

- Pollinator and Monarch Project updates
Dr. Flakne spoke with the Field Museum and learned Glenview will be a pilot city for their monarch habitat assessment tools. The Village was divided into 31 sections and the interns counted milkweed stems in publicly accessible areas, including in residential front yards. GIS was used to plot polygons to show how large the milkweed site was and record the species. There are currently 13,000 milkweed stems counted throughout Glenview with more data from large sites, such as the Glen Club, soon to be entered. It was noted that many people don't know what the various species of milkweed look like.

Katy Russell shared her photos of milkweed and monarch chrysalis from her garden, and invited the interns to visit her property to view what she has done. Samantha and Lucas shared photos of exemplary sites such as the Baxter parcel and Lot 16.

- Grant updates
Society of Municipal Arborists – This grant provided funding for a summer intern.

Technical Assistance for Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning Scenarios (VCAPS) – This was an offer from Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, in collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The project would have included creating a committee of stakeholders to include all village departments and the community. Each committee member would be interviewed prior to two half-day meetings in which a facilitator would guide discussion about climate change. The result is a visual diagram illustrating challenges and potential responses. The VCAPS process has thus far mostly been done in coastal communities; a goal is to introduce it in the Midwest. Glenview declined the offer.

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) - Glenview will accept technical assistance from CMAP and will define scope at the September meeting for another CMAP Grant. This offer had been delayed pending completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Main goals are to update Glenview's plan for nature, and to evaluate village ordinances and codes to support those plans.

Dr. Flakne applied for the Chi-Cal grant under its public accessibility priority. The goal is to complete a pedestrian path, signs, and habitat improvements at the Baxter parcel.

NEW BUSINESS

- Planning for upcoming meetings/events
 - Art competition is July 29-30 with a reception October 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Library.
 - Green Table - Thanks to everyone who helped host at the Farmer's Market. Old bikes will be accepted for recycling at an upcoming date.

- Forest Preserve Bike Tour, August 13th – Chairperson Saunders will send out a link to sign up electronically. The tour starts at noon at the Blue Star Memorial overpass and goes up the North Branch Trail through the Skokie Lagoon. The staff of the Friends of the Forest Preserves will lead the tour.
- Green infrastructure bike tour – Dr. Flakne is looking at changing the date from August 6th to the 27th to allow additional time for registration. The new Village Manager and Trustees will also be invited.
- Go Green Illinois, September 12th
The next meeting is at Chicago Botanic Garden and will focus on energy.
- OAKtober
Dr. Flakne reported that there is another walking tour at the Grove on October 21st. The NRC has an oak theme at the October Green Table. Oak saplings from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be given away September 30th.
- The municipal Ordinance requires that a high school student member be on the Commission. Dr. Flakne has spoken with Wyatt Cummings and he has agreed to fill the open post. He needs to be officially nominated and sworn in at the September meeting.
- Commissioner Beck mentioned that a heritage tree in one of the subdivisions has an “X” marked on the trunk.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary