

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
November 12, 2018**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The November 12, 2018 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 p.m. in the Rugen 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, Cummings, Daniels, Halliday, Newman, and Dr. Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested to be made to the September 17, 2018 Minutes:

- Page 1: in the last paragraph delete the line about Glenview having bridges near the bike path for animal use
- Page 4: add the October 25th event in first sentence

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the September 17, 2018 minutes as amended. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

4. General Communications

Chairperson Saunders is speaking at the Glenview Gardeners at 7:00 p.m. on November 13th on Green Infrastructure. She is on the Delta Institute Board and is highlighting Glenview as an example.

Commissioner Halliday reported there is a Go Green Illinois meeting at the Botanic Garden also on November 13th. The topic is solar; she will report back.

Chairperson Saunders and Commissioner Beck attended CMAP's GO TO 2050 kickoff at Millennium Park. Hundreds of people attended and a variety of speakers talked about the state of the metropolitan region.

Commissioner Daniels reported that composting is a topic of discussion in Evanston at the request of their Mayor.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- **Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award**
Commissioner Newman reported that these awards will be presented at the November 20th Village Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Confirmation of attendance has been received from the Glen Club who will be given a bronze award for monarch butterfly work and from St. Peter's and Paul Greek Orthodox Church who will be given the silver in Education and Outreach. Abt and Oakton Community College also confirmed; however, North Shore Country Club has not yet confirmed. All NRC members were encouraged to attend if available.
- **Grant Opportunities**
Dr. Flakne reported the three different monarch butterfly garden planting days went well. She thanked everyone, especially Commissioner Cummings, for their assistance. Chairperson Saunders suggested dedicating the plantings in the spring when they are in peak bloom.

Dr. Flakne is in the process of obtaining proposals for a grant received for getting enhancement seeding for Gallery Park and the Techny Basin area to boost the nectar plants and milkweed in the fall.
- **Heritage Tree Applications**
Dr. Flakne reporter there are two Heritage Tree applications outstanding. Chairperson Saunders noted the tools need replacing. She suggested perhaps using scouts to assist with the measuring process. Commissioner Beck proposed having a training session for any volunteers in the community who might want to do this, or to partner with Oakton to get students or professors involved. Commissioner Cummings suggested the horticulture group at the high school. Discussion ensued about getting community volunteers to assist with the measuring. Commissioner Beck recalled that former NRC Commissioner Ron Ganim had also offered to assist if needed.
- **Business Plan**
Chairperson Saunders spoke to Ken Wexler at the Park District. He is a landscape architect and head of the Park District's environmental group, and suggested joining together to celebrate the nature in Glenview. She proposed doing something in the spring or during Earth Week. Commissioner Beck suggested emulating Oak Park in becoming an arboretum, as a park district and village combined effort.

Commissioner Beck spoke about witness trees, stating that an official one is a bearing tree from the first survey of the State of Illinois. It would be a great project for Glenview in the likelihood they have some between The Grove, park area and forest preserve. There are also centennial trees which are 100 years old from when the Kennicotts lived

in Glenview. Every march the Grove does an Arrival Day in spring to celebrate the Kennicotts' arrival in Glenview. Commissioner Beck reported that a bronze statue will be installed at the Grove March 31st. Commissioner Newman talked about getting someone from the Morton Arboretum to talk about some of their tree tools in spring. Chairperson Saunders pitched it to the librarian who was receptive to the idea, so she will follow-up with her.

Chairperson Saunders talked about updating the NRC Business Plan for 2019. Commissioner Daniels commented that it is currently an advisory plan with no budget, but is a good plan that gets done.

Commissioner Halliday suggested creating a phone number that residents could call to ask questions about nature. Commissioner Newman asked if Dr. Flakne would be able to get the number of tree removal permits issued by the Village from the past few years. She said there are over 1,000 tree calls a year and less on permits and more on work orders. She estimated 500 permits are pulled each year.

- Review of recent meetings/events
 - OAKtober events – October 1, 6, 14, 23
Dr. Flakne reported on OAKtober events such as tree walks, a speaking event in Park Ridge, and the Green Table.
 - Fall River Clean-Up – October 21
This went very well in spite of the cold weather. Glenbrook South community had an excellent turnout. Commissioner Newman managed the buckthorn cutting.
 - Farmer's Market Green Table
Chairperson Saunders reported there were many Saturdays with bad weather, so turnout was low; however, the new Market Manager did a good job.

Commissioner Beck commented that there can be difficulties with the tree preservation ordinance not protecting mature trees across property lines. She spoke about an issue with a resident planting evergreens on the property line near very mature trees. This damages roots from mature trees and can possibly lead to a loss of older trees. Dr. Flakne agreed that this type of situation happens often, but common law says that tree roots and branches that cross property lines can be pruned by the owner of the property they cross onto. Commissioner Newman feels more trees have been removed than replaced. Dr. Flakne noted that in most cases with permits, there is no requirement to replace.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Beck moved to adjourn; Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz
Recording Secretary