

MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 25, 2019

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The February 25, 2019 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:04 p.m. in the Rugen Community Room at Village Hall.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and Acting Chairperson Beck noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders, Commissioners Daniels, Halliday, Newman, Cummings, Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison
ABSENT: Commissioner Beck
GUESTS: Phil Perna, Director of Public Works
Steve Verney, Glenview resident

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were made to the November 12, 2018 Minutes:

- On Page 3, changed the number “20” to the word “many”

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the November 12, 2018 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Chairperson Saunders reported the library’s newsletter is celebrating the work on monarch gardens and mentioned Abigail Derby Lewis. Chairperson Saunders recognized Commissioner Cummings for the joint program he presented with Ms. Derby Lewis

Chairperson Saunders shared a page from the Park District’s spring catalog about Going Green. It addresses how they capture rainwater to irrigate athletic fields

Commissioner Newman reported the all community One Earth Annual Film Festival is running March 1-10, 2019. One of the films being presented is *Why We Cycle*.

Mr. Perna and Mr. Verney provided brief backgrounds of their interest in attending the NRC. Mr. Perna’s staff interacts with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) and attends meetings to discuss recycling issues. He noted there will be a document destruction and recycling event in the Village on July 13th, and they will be recruiting volunteers to participate. Commissioner Daniels talked about a program he is currently involved with on composting versus digesting.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Business Plan

Chairperson Saunders reported that Kent Fuller sent an email regarding a specific problem area at Willow and Cardinal near the overpass by the Costco gas station with really bad invasives. The Phragmites doesn't allow anything else to grow. Dr. Flakne stated that the bridges are being rebuilt which should be helpful. All the properties being referred by Mr. Fuller are not Glenview owned. IDOT is one of the owners and they occasionally spray. She can ask that they address the issue with overgrown teasel, which is an invasive species in their right-of-way. Chairperson Saunders received a request from Mr. Fuller for a plan to figure out how to address these issues. Discussion ensued about some ways to do such a plan. She requested a map be available for the next meeting. This discussion will be continued.

Chairperson Saunders wants to spend time over the year to compare the NRC Business Plan with the Greenest Region Compact Framework. Commissioner Newman was concerned about missing out on funding opportunities through the Greenest Region Compact. Commissioner Daniels reached out to a few sources and found Evanston and Wilmette are already signed on.

Dr. Flakne feels the 2019 draft Business Plan is currently up to date and includes the environmental sustainability awards program. She made all changes suggested when the NRC went through it in November of 2018. Chairperson Saunders would like to continue to discuss after everyone reviews. Dr. Flakne wants to follow up on the creation of a monarch conservation plan.

- Grant opportunities
 - Milkweed enhancement seeding - Dr. Flakne reported this was already completed late last fall and she is waiting on reimbursement. National Wildlife Federation approached communities who signed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge about providing money for seeding, so the Village took advantage of their offer, in partnership with the Park District.
 - Techny Basin path –
Dr. Flakne reported the Village intends to reconstruct the asphalt path that circles Techny Basin and replace the asphalt with concrete. The Capital Projects Department has this on their list as a project for 2020. Commissioner Newman suggested the Village look at using compost for soil erosion control. The state has a grant program for bicycle paths and Dr. Flakne has written the grant

application with the Village's new Management Analyst. The construction is phased so they would only do the west end and look to do the rest in the future. Whether or not the grant is received, to the best of her knowledge, it will be started in 2020. Commissioner Newman asked if this is a good opportunity for new signage. Dr. Flakne agreed to inquire about his request.

- Heritage tree applications
Dr. Flakne reported that new equipment needs to be purchased and that it will be kept at the Village to be checked out as needed. Someone is still needed to coordinate the measuring. Commissioner Cummings spoke with a teacher who shared the information with his students. Another alternative is to have interns handle it. The two applications are on hold until someone is designated to do the measuring.
- Review of recent meetings/events
 - Glenview Gardeners, Nov. 13
Chairperson Saunders spoke with this group and was asked to speak about green infrastructure. She used Glenview as an example with all its successful projects.
 - Go Green Illinois, Nov. 13
Commissioner Halliday attended this event which was very well attended. It was mostly about large solar projects.
 - Glenview Environmental Sustainability Awards presentation, Nov. 20
Commissioners Newman and Daniels attended the presentation to distribute the awards and all the recipients were present. Commissioner Newman will talk with Lynne Stiefel and work toward getting new applicants for next year's awards. Chairperson Saunders requested email addresses for the winners to invite them to the Green Table over the summer.
- Planning for spring meetings/events
 - Centennial Volunteers program at Glenview Public Library, Feb. 21 – Chairperson Saunders shared information about this presentation of Forest Preserve work. Dr. Flakne explained how the floristic quality index works. Chairperson Saunders reported there is a meeting at the library on March 19th with a representative of the Morton Arboretum about care of trees and diversity.
 - Wild Things
Dr. Flakne reported a few NRC members attended this event and it went very well.
 - Arbor Day, April 26
Chairperson Saunders explained that the Village participates in this every year to maintain its Tree City USA status. This year's tree will be planted at Glenbrook South again; however, the type of tree has not yet been selected.

- Fish release, April 27
This is a multi-jurisdictional partnership with the Park District and Rotary and is usually very well attended.
- Chicago River Day, May 11
Dr. Flakne is requesting a flyer be created for this event. It takes place from 9:00am-12:00pm on a Saturday and many volunteers are needed to assist. Chairman Saunders noted there are more than 200 sites along the River, including one at Loyola Academy and another behind a church in Glenview.
- Farmer's Market Green Table
Chairperson Saunders already has two presenters committed to this year's Table. She tries to keep the presenters based in Glenview.

Chairperson Saunders asked that everyone review the NRC Ordinance and provide any input.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary