

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
May 20, 2019**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The May 20, 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 Chairperson Saunders noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders, Commissioners Beck, Daniels, Halliday, Newman,
Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison
ABSENT: Commissioner Cummings
GUESTS: Peter Klatt, Glenview resident

3. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the February 25, 2019 Minutes as presented. Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

The following changes were made to the March 18, 2019 Minutes:

Page 2: Change last paragraph to: Commissioner Beck and Kent Fuller worked to try and get the Committee to include wording in their plan that Glenview straddles three watersheds, but were not successful. Follow up discussions resulted in the concept of the NRC.

Page 3: 2nd sentence – Change Nancy Halliday’s title from “employee” to Naturalist

Bottom of page 4: last paragraph – Add the words “on private property”

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the March 18, 2019 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Chairperson Saunders shared an article from the most current Glenview Report called “Go Native.” She also encouraged all NRC members to attend a Public Open House on a proposed 4.5 mile segment of the Skokie Valley Trail on May 29th at Village Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Chairperson Saunders shared a photo of Dr. Flakne in the newspaper at the fish release event at Lake Glenview on April 27th.

Chairperson Saunders distributed information on a new interactive maps app that The Grove now uses.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

OLD BUSINESS

- Invasive species/Willow Rd. Corridor
Dr. Flakne reported IDOT will be seeding the corridor with natives and eliminate invasives. They may be using a standard roadside seed mix which is mainly grasses, rather than a pollinator mix. Commissioner Beck asked that Dr. Flakne alert them that a copy of their letter would be sent to the Field Museum. Chairperson Saunders suggested asking if they could help with the Monarch Conservation plan. Discussion ensued about how to encourage IDOT to maintain whatever is being planted.
- Heritage tree applications
Dr. Flakne reported they did get the clinometer equipment needed to measure, and that she has a new intern that can assist with measuring if need be. Bruce Horigan has also offered to assist with measuring and is willing to train any NRC member who is interested. It was noted it only takes approximately 15 minutes to measure a tree.
- July 27th Farmers Market
Chairperson Saunders has Commissioner Daniels listed.
- Review of recent meetings/events
 - Arbor Day, April 26
Chairperson Saunders thanked Commissioner Newman and Dr. Flakne for attending this event. Commissioner Newman reported it went well and they did a good job with mulching the tree. This Arbor Day event is one of the requirements to allow Glenview to once again be a Tree City.
 - Fish Release, April 27
Dr. Flakne reported this event was very well attended and went well.
 - Chicago River Day, May 11
This event had a good turn out and lots of trash was gathered considering that at first glance there did not appear to be a lot of litter. Chairperson Saunders thanked REI for providing food to the volunteers. This event was co-sponsored by the Friends of the Chicago River group, but Glenview will be having its own River Day in the fall.

- Planning for upcoming meetings/events
 - Glen Redevelopment Recognition, May 29th
Dr. Flakne shared the information with the group for this recognition by the EPA. It is on a Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. in The Glen outside the book store. Please advise Lynne Stiefel if anyone is planning to attend.
 - Potential Solarize Chicagoland Meeting, June 19th
Dr. Flakne reported on *Solarize Chicagoland* which is a program that the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is spearheading in several counties. Glenview will host a Solar Power Hour, which is an informational meeting about the program. The program will hire pre-selected vendors who will then offer a discount to those residents who agree to buy a residential solar system installed by a deadline. A representative from the Community Development department will attend to answer questions about the relevant Glenview regulations and requirements. CUB will run the informational meeting, which is also being offered at various other locations Dr. Flakne has the Board Room reserved for June 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Farmer's Market Green Table, June 22-October 26
Chairperson Saunders sent a completed schedule last week to Dr. Flakne and Lynne Stiefel. She noted that some of the environmental sustainability award winners will be at the first Green Table.
 - Green Infrastructure Bike Tour, July 28
Efforts are underway to promote this event. The riders meet by the river and Dr. Flakne shares information with the attendees.
 - Friends of the Forest Preserves Bike Tour, August 18
The event is open to the general public and usually fills up quickly. The route is under review.
 - Environmental Sustainability Award program
Chairperson Saunders suggested distributing an informational card to local businesses to encourage participation and generate applicants. It was agreed to promote this as early as possible since the deadline is in September. This will be discussed further at the July NRC Meeting.

Commissioner Beck talked about the 319 program, which is part of the Clean Water Act and allows the federal government to share money with states for stormwater remediation. The 319 program has passed the House with additional money added on and will now go to the Senate. Dr. Flakne often applies for grants through this program.

Mr. Klatt requested more direction for residents on effective recycling. Commissioner Beck advised the information is on the Village website, and noted the general rule is “if you have doubts, do not throw the item in.” She briefly summarized some companies who take recyclable materials that are not included in the curbside program.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Daniels seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary