



MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
January 17, 2011

Call to Order by the Chairman

The January 17, 2011 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:09 p.m. in the Village Hall Lunch Room.

Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

Roll call was taken and Chairperson Saunders noted a quorum was present.

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Beck, Blomquist, Ganim and Halliday; and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Chiappetta

GUESTS: Mr. Roy Fickel, Public Works Department
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the November 15, 2010 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page three, just before second paragraph should be a heading, "Business Plan Goals."

Page four, last paragraph, second line should read, "were treated. Ms. Lorin Ottlinger, Assistant Director of The Grove, has the Volunteer e-mail List and sends a notice every few months about current events."

Commissioner Blomquist moved to approve the November 15, 2010 Minutes as corrected. Commissioner Halliday seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

General Communications

Two of Glenview's green companies, Effective Air Inc. (Go Green Gold Award winner) and D/R Services Unlimited Inc. (Go Green Award winner) met at the Farmer's Market Green Table and now, on occasion, work together.

Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None.

Old Business

NRC Business Plan

The current NRC Business Plan has been reviewed and accepted by Village President Kerry Cummings and Village Manager Todd Hileman.

The Commission felt it would be helpful to have:

- a calendar indicating the Action Steps' due dates
- resources such as school groups and other commissions with whom to collaborate.

In July of 2010 Ms. Flakne revealed to the Federal Clean Water Act developers of a 319 Grant that the Village would like to create a naturalization or stream bank stabilization program as a cost-share project with residents who live along the West Fork. The grant developers said preliminary work must be completed first. An important first step is to figure out how many residents would be interested in a cost-share program. The grant reviewers will determine if there is interest in such a program. Such preliminary program development will be important to proceed with application to any funding source.

Baxter & Woodman, Inc., a consulting civil engineering firm, will do some preliminary work to develop an assessment and public outreach program for residents, including an evaluation of the potential program (is there interest in this program, how many residents are interested). Baxter & Woodman will provide a report to staff and the NRC, and assist in hosting a workshop with residents who live along the stream bank. The opportunity for stormwater management, habitat restoration, and bank stabilization can be thought of as a menu and Baxter & Woodman (B&W) knows that menu and is also familiar with the 319 Program. The scope of the project is being developed and will focus on assessment, public outreach materials, and a public workshop. The NRC will sponsor this project as part of its 2011 business plan.

The first step is to work with B&W who is currently writing a proposal. The NRC will meet with B&W on March 21 to discuss the project and again on May 16 to review the project's progress and plan a public workshop. The Commission should coordinate its expectations along with the Stormwater Task Force. How can the public be best served? What would a watershed plan for Glenview look like? Lake County already has a watershed-based plan for the West Fork which will serve as a good resource for Glenview.

Commissioner Blomquist suggested public input at the ground level. When creating a Village program that will help residents improve their property, having landowners voice their concerns early in process will help better design a program to meet the landowners' needs.

Before the March meeting:

- Look at stormwater management plan of Lake County (it is on-line)
- Look at some of the 319 Grant plans as examples
- Know what NRC's expectations are for the 319 Grant program.

Ms. Flakne will send to Commissioners the internet links for the watershed-based plan.

On the NRC Business Plan for 2011, Page one, Goal #1, at the end of the Action Steps, change the wording to "Sponsor and develop programs to assist private owners ..."

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the Natural Resources Commission Business Plan for 2011 as amended. Commissioner Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

Plan for Nature in Glenview Implementation: 2010 Review/2011 Planning and Grant Application Status

Ms. Flakne included in the packet of materials for this meeting a summary of what was done in 2010 to benefit natural resources in the Village and what the NRC's goals are for 2011, most of which come from both the Implementation Plan and the Business Plan. The biggest obstacle to getting projects completed is receiving funding. The NRC's constraints are:

1. There is not much in the budget
2. Any kind of capital project related to natural resources must be fifty percent grant funded.

Ms. Flakne has applied for grants on the following proposals:

1. Grant Funding and Illinois Green Infrastructure Grant Program (IGIG) for Waukegan Road Urban Raingarden. A determination will be made in April.
2. 319 Grant and IGIG funding for another detention basin retrofit at Highland Lane.
3. Replacing trees due to Emerald Ash Borer.
4. Emerald Ash Borer Technical Assistance to receive help in completing a formalized tree inventory and establishing a management plan.

Some grants have recently been announced:

1. Five-star restoration program
2. Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Glenview may apply because it is a part of the historic basin and is a member of Chicago Wilderness.

Congress used The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative habitat money to form the Fish and Wildlife Foundation which allows various federal agencies to combine money, with additional contributions from large corporations.

Chairperson Saunders thanked Ms. Flakne for her finding, preparing, and winning grants.

Farmer's Market Banner

The organizers of Glenview's Farmer's Market have requested a banner which would cost about \$75. Ms. Flakne responded that it could be funded by the NRC's communication budget.

Next Local Environmental Commissioners Meeting February 5

The Local Environmental Commissioners will meet on February 5 at the Botanic Garden. A representative from the Botanic Garden will speak. One of the lecture topics will be a report from Center for Neighborhood Technology of the analysis of the different suburbs' use of energy and emissions. Commissioners Beck and Halliday will attend.

New Business

Tree Planting Notification

The tree planting notification refers to a narrow piece of paper which hangs on a resident's front doorknob to notify them that the Village will soon plant a tree. Mr. Roy Fickel asked Commissioners for their input on its wording. Commissioner Blomquist suggested notifying residents that mulch around trees should be in the shape of a donut *not* a volcano. Perhaps a picture of a donut mulch and a picture of a volcano mulch with an "X" through it would be informative. The same information should be placed in the e-Glenview Newsletter. The plastic label that states the tree's species could be left on the tree so residents would know what kind of tree has been planted. Chairperson Saunders thought this notification would help people better care for their trees. The Commission suggested the back of the notification should:

- State what species of tree was planted
- Inform that Glenview has been a Tree City U.S.A. for more than 25 years
- Show a smiling tree for kids
- Inform that trees are important because ... see www.arboday.org
- Show an illustration of donut mulching vs. volcano mulching
- Include, if possible, a brochure of the best way to place mulch for trees

Emerald Ash Borer Spring Workshop

Ms. Flakne suggested the Village co-sponsor with the Park District another emerald ash borer workshop in April. The Village has more information to impart to residents about treating ash trees. An announcement should be made about this workshop in the Village Newsletter. Mr. Fickel will send a copy of the homeowners' associations contacts list to Ms. Flakne.

Glenview Park District Outreach

Tomorrow morning Chairperson Saunders will meet with Mr. Bob Quill, Mr. Steven Swanson, and Ms. Lorin Ottlinger, to discuss information sharing between the NRC and the Environmental Committee of the Park District.

The Park District has applied for a grant with the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Program in order to:

- purchase the back ten acres of wetlands contiguous to The Grove
- revamp the Willow Park fieldhouse in part to make it accessible to those with special needs.

The Commission agreed not to meet next month.

Ms. Flakne will send internet links that Commissioners should read regarding Lake County Stormwater Management Commission prior to the March meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Blomquist moved to adjourn. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott
Recording Secretary