



**MINUTES**  
**GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**October 1, 2012**

**Call to Order by the Chairman**

The October 1, 2012 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:01 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, Superintendent of Public Works Department  
Ms. Amy Wille, Intern, Public Works Department  
Mr. Joe Boyle, Glenview Resident  
Ms. Chris McCooey, League of Women Voters

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the July 16, 2012 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page four, first paragraph, second line should read, "... Alliance offered to place a ..."

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the July 16, 2012 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Blomquist seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 3-0.

**General Communications**

An electronic photograph of Commissioner Halliday taken at Fall River Day was circulated.

The next Natural Resources Commission meeting is on November 19 and the Commission will not meet in December. [Ms. Halliday arrived.]

Ms. Beth Dunn, Department of Government Affairs, Chicago Botanic Garden, sent an e-mail announcement about a Glencoe neighborhood fundraiser where residents are clearing buckthorn along the bike trail that follows the Chicago Northwestern train tracks at the north end of Winnetka. The Buckthorn Barbeque will be held on Thursday, October 18 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Glencoe Golf Club.

Ms. Lisa Goodwin, Village Manager's Office, sent an e-mail encouraging Village Commissioners to take the Open Meetings Act Online Training by the end of the year.

## **Consideration of Cases on the Agenda**

None.

The NRC will hear cases when there is an unresolved tree issue. The Charter states that among the NRC's powers and duties it hears "... appeals from any decision of the Director of Public Works:

1. Issuing or revoking a tree permit
2. Denying a tree permit application
3. Granting or denying an exemption pursuant to the Tree Protection and Preservation ordinance. The decision of the Natural Resources Commission shall be final.

## **Old Business**

### **• Report on Recent Meetings and Events**

#### **◦ Lake Co. SMC North Branch Watershed Planning Committee, August 8**

Mr. Russ Jensen spoke about pervious concrete parking lots. Chairperson Saunders said the meeting was also about the preliminary work of the Chicago Wilderness Green Infrastructure Vision project where specific information is being collected about restoration projects and action taken at the local level which will be compiled into a regional work.

#### **◦ Green Infrastructure Bike Tour, August 12**

Commissioners Ganim and Halliday and Ms. Flakne were Bike Tour Leaders. Perhaps there could be another Bike Tour in August or September, 2013. Other potential invitees:

Board of Trustees	Bicycle Shops
Park District Board	REI
New Residents	Dick's Sporting Goods
Surrounding Communities	Realtors

#### **◦ Council of North Suburban Environment Commissions (CONSEC) August 25**

Ms. Beth Dunn sends notices of the quarterly CONSEC meetings held on Saturday mornings. There was no guest speaker on August 25. Commissioners from local communities said their respective Village is interested in:

Lake Forest

- Electricity aggregation success
- Forum on environmental leadership moving toward a sustainability plan
- Ash trees
- Water ban because of the drought
- Ravine and bluff restoration
- No golf course at Fort Sheridan
- Working on First Bicycle Master Plan

Northbrook

- Ten Year Master Stormwater Plan
- Sustainability
- Enhancing the use of the impoundment north of Willow Road
- Rain gardens on GIS

Wilmette

- Go Green Wilmette
- Renewables
- Sustainability plan
- Rewriting Zoning Code
- Elmwood Beach

Winnetka

- Hoping to build a \$50 million stormwater pipeline

Glencoe

- Sustainability plan
- Buckthorn removal.

The next CONSEC meeting will be held on either November 3 or 17.

◦ **Fall River Day, September 23**

Commissioner Halliday said families and Boy Scouts collected trash along the river. Volunteers also cut down buckthorn south of the spillway. Commissioner Blomquist said a group of Glenbrook South High School students from Project Earth and Key Club were enthusiastic helpers, along with teacher Mr. Jim Glynn who heads the Project Earth environmental club. Commissioner Blomquist showed them the remeandering of the river, walked around the ponds, explained how Techny Basin operates, and cut down buckthorn and EAB infested ash trees. Perhaps next year's Fall River Day can be held on a Sunday as well.

◦ **Farmer's Market Green Table (ongoing)**

This Saturday Mr. Joe Boyle, Evanston Rebuilding Warehouse Board member and volunteer, and Mr. Adam Grabowski, President of Glenview-based ECI Green, Inc., a home remodeling company, will answer questions about Making Home and Building Improvements the "Conservative" Way. The final Saturday will have Mr. Wayne Rogoski from The Grove talking about how to stay involved with the outdoors all year round.

**Planning for Upcoming Meetings and Events**

The Chicago Wilderness Congress 2012: Shaping the Future of Regional Conservation will be held on Thursday, November 15, at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ms. Beth Dunn sent an e-mail announcing an upcoming symposium on "Ecology of Prescribed Fires: When, Where, Why?" on Friday, October 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The Chicago Botanic Garden is offering a discounted rate of \$50 which is not available online. Registration closes on October 22.

The Glen Oak Acres Garden Club will be visiting Chairperson Saunders' home on October 9.

Chairperson Saunders will meet with Chamber of Commerce President, Ms. Betsy Baer. The Chamber of Commerce will soon have an event called Small Business Expo where Ms. Ellen Dean will display NRC materials.

At the New Residents event (which may be held in February, 2013) the Village will handout information including material from the NRC.

The Glenview Values Project, Chaired by Ms. Janet Specter Bishop, will meet on December 4. The NRC could discuss its basic message.

The Grove Fest is this weekend. Mr. Marc Miller, Director of Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will present the Glenview Park District with a check toward the purchase of 12½ acres of the Redemptorist Fathers property. It is a significant purchase as the hydric soils and wetlands border The Grove. The trees on this property are magnificent, especially one tree which might be 400 years old. Commissioner Blomquist added this purchase is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

**NRC Presentation to Village Board of Trustees**

Perhaps a list of the NRC's accomplishments and current and future projects could be created.

It would be good to mention the many hours and hard work provided by Ms. Roxanne Junge and Ms. Sheri Latash at the Farmer's Market.

Mr. Roy Fickel said the recent recycle event brought in 9,000 lbs. of electronics and 11,440 lbs. of paper that were shredded and recycled. Two recent additions to the Adopt-A-Highway program are: Glenbrook South High School cleaned up Landwehr Road from Lake Street to Willow Road

and Boy Scout Troop 57 cleaned up Lehigh Road from Chestnut Avenue to Glenview Road. Tomorrow begins the fall parkway tree planting of 225 trees, mostly maples.

Mr. Fickel will contact Ms. Lynne Stiefel for her eBlast to inform residents who are planting a new parkway tree the correct way to mulch.

The NRC will try to be on the Board of Trustees agenda for Arbor Day, Friday, April 26, 2013. Ms. Lynne Stiefel will help the NRC with the presentation. Items to highlight include:

- Photographs of clean-up days before and after
- Green Table agenda
- Graphics
- Green Tips
- Website for mulching a tree.

### **Outreach**

Commissioner Ganim attended a meeting sponsored by CMAP for designing bicycle safety. Many more people would ride bikes if they felt safe. Evanston is installing dedicated bike lanes by painted paths on certain roads. The American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) have good information about installing bike lanes. It is more cost effective to plan bicycle paths into regular road maintenance.

Commissioner Beck attended an Illinois Coastal Zone Management meeting where the Governor announced an initiative for the redevelopment of the Lake Calumet area. It is one of the two areas in Illinois that are part of President Obama's America's Great Outdoors Initiative. Long trails between Illinois and Indiana will be linked together.

When Mr. Fickel talks to HOA Presidents, he explains the proper way to mulch trees and follows up by sending them a flyer for distribution to residents and their respective landscapers. Mr. Fickel demonstrates best practices on an "Ask the Village" clip on the Village website. The Arbor Day Foundation has great material and images on how to correctly mulch a tree.

### **New Business**

Ms. Amy Wille, new Intern in the Public Works Department through December, also works for the Glenview Park District.

### **Median Replanting 2012**

Ms. Flakne reported the median redesign plan in front of Attea Middle School and Little Bear Garden on Chestnut will soon begin.

**Sign Design Project with GBS Project Earth**

Ms. Flakne said the EPA Urban Waters Small Grants gave a grant to Friends of Chicago River which partnered with the Village of Glenview. The Village will receive funds to cover the cost of hiring a professional to assist Project Earth students at Glenbrook South High School to design signs. The signs will highlight green infrastructure projects that are completed. The West Fork River Corridor logo will be incorporated in the designs. Ms. Flakne is hopeful some of these signs will be installed by the end of 2013.

The Waukegan Road Urban Rain Garden Project located at the corner of Dewes, River, and Waukegan Roads will be postponed until May or June, 2013.

**Commissioner Resignation**

Chairman Saunders thanked Commissioner Rob Blomquist for his service to the Natural Resources Commission from its inception and whose efforts have been an important part of the work the Commission has accomplished. Commissioner Blomquist will continue to serve on the Commission until a replacement is found and will continue to lead the Heritage Tree Program, volunteer for work days, and guide Eagle Scout projects after his departure. Commissioner Blomquist spoke about each of the other Commissioners and their role in making the NRC successful.

Perhaps others should be trained in the use of tree measuring devices.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Blomquist moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott  
Recording Secretary