



**MINUTES**  
**GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**November 18, 2013**

**Call to Order by the Chairman**

The November 18, 2013 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 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 Baetz, Ganim, Halliday, and Newman; and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Beck

GUESTS: Mr. Roy Fickel, Superintendent of Public Works Department  
Ms. Chris McCooey, Glenview League of Women Voters  
Mr. Bradley Naal, Boy Scout  
Mr. Doug Naal, Glenview Resident

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the September 16, 2013 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page two, second paragraph, last line should read, "... permission from the proper authorities."

Page two, fifth paragraph, first line should read, "... photograph of the newly ..."

Page four, second paragraph, seventh line should read, "... The Glencoe Park District is ..."

Page five, second paragraph, fifth line should read, "... tagging. The i-Tree software from the USDA Forest Service provides urban forestry ..."

Commissioner Ganim moved to approve the September 16, 2013 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Halliday seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

**General Communications**

Chairperson Saunders suggested the NRC review the 2013 Business Plan.

**Consideration of Cases on the Agenda**

None.

## **Old Business**

- **Review of Recent Meetings/Events**

- **Chicago Wilderness Celebrating Nature Program, November 6**

Village President Patterson accepted a Village award at the Chicago Wilderness program which was very well attended. Ms. Flakne displayed photographs of the river.

- **CONSEC: November 16**

Commissioner Halliday attended the CONSEC meeting at the Chicago Botanic Garden and reported its discussions.

- **Fall River Work Day, October 20**

There were about 20-25 attendees at the Fall River Work Day including Glenbrook South High School's Project Earth Club members, and a younger Boy Scout Troop, who cut down buckthorn and teasel.

- **CSX/ACT Tree Planting, October 26-27, November 2**

The Village received a grant to plant trees from the non-profit organization Alliance for Community Trees which received funding from CSX. Mr. Bradley Naal, Boy Scout, along with several volunteers including Scouts, Village employees, and Park District employees, planted about 100 trees (e.g., oak, Kentucky coffee trees, hackberries, blue beech) in six different locations along the West Fork of the North Branch of the Chicago River. Augers were occasionally required to dig holes for the trees at depths of one-to-two feet depending upon the size and species of tree. About 20 people helped over a three-day period and worked 180 hours. The riparian trees were planted at all of the parks along the river as well as two Village-owned locations.

Chairperson Saunders thanked Mr. Naal for his good work and being ready to take on the job in a short amount of time. Ms. Flakne added that the number of volunteers brought in by Mr. Naal substantially supported the tree-planting project. Mr. Doug Naal thanked Ms. Flakne for her help in coordinating this project and thanked the Park District employees for their assistance as well.

Chairperson Saunders also thanked Mr. James Glynn, Project Earth Club, who helped with tree planting.

- **Farmers Market Green Table 2013 Season**

The 2013 Green Table was an overall success and is now well integrated into in Glenview's Farmers Market. Chairperson Saunders would like someone to volunteer to schedule the Green Table's speakers for 2014. The NRC encourages businesses to apply for the Green Business Awards Program where winners are invited to the Green Table.

- **Planning for Chicago River Day: May 10, 2014**

Ms. Austin Kellogg, Friends of the Chicago River, will visit the Techny basin. Perhaps REI can be involved in Chicago River Day activities. Commissioner Newman will try to get District 34

students interested, possibly with a flyer to take home. Project Earth Club, Interact, and Key Club at GBS, as well as religious congregations that require students' service hours may also like to volunteer.

- **CMAP**

Ms. Flakne explained that Glenview's grant application for updates for the Natural Resources Plan (Plan for Nature) has been wait-listed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The LTA helps communities whose plans support the GO TO 2040 plan which CMAP hopes to implement in local villages. CMAP also encouraged Ms. Flakne to seek a portion of its requested funding through the Sustainable Watershed Action Team (SWAT) at Chicago Wilderness.

- **Median Plantings**

Ms. Flakne said median plantings on Patriot Boulevard between Mint Lane and the Fire Station are completed. In addition there were two medians installed with native plants: one on Colfax Avenue and Nora Avenue and the other at Colfax Avenue and Nordica Avenue. Mr. Jeff Brady, Director of Planning, received the plant lists for medians and rain gardens and will try to establish native foliage as standard in the future.

- **Signs**

Commissioners received photocopies of sign revisions made by the designer, Ms. Gina Hutchings, and Mr. Austin Bream, and Commissioner Baetz for three different signs. The revisions will be sent to Project Earth Club members then forwarded to the Appearance Commission. The signs are currently being bid-out for fabrication and installation, which will likely be in spring.

Commissioners suggestions:

- On the "Paving the Way" sign the bioswale is larger on the picture in proportion to the relative size in the ground.
- Delete the word "event" from precipitation and evaporation.
- On the "Keep Rivers Clean" sign The Transformation paragraph should begin "The stream bank was stabilized ..."

- **Outreach**

In September Commissioner Newman and Chairperson Saunders met with members of School District 34 on devising some outreach. A Speakers Bureau was established to ask presenters to address different natural resources-related issues for school children and GBS students. Commissioner Newman created an on-line submission form for those who would like to address students. Three people have already signed up: Mr. Rob Sulski (a falconer and steward at GBN), Ms. Katie Larson (Alliance for the Great Lakes), and Chairperson Saunders.

Minutes – Natural Resources Commission  
November 18, 2013  
Page Four

Commissioner Newman will meet with the principal of Pleasant Ridge School on December 6 to discuss a science fair.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott  
Recording Secretary