



MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
March 10, 2014

1. Call to Order by the Chairman

The March 10, 2014 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Acting Chairperson Beck at 7:04 p.m. in the Village Hall Lunch Room.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

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

PRESENT: Acting Chairperson Beck; Commissioners Baetz, Ganim, Halliday, and Newman; and Ms. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Chairperson Saunders

GUEST: Ms. Chris McCooley, League of Women Voters

3. Approval of Minutes

Acting Chairperson Beck asked for corrections or comments to the January 20, 2014 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting.

Page three, second paragraph, third line should read, "... side) and to install ..."

Page three, second paragraph, fourth line should read, "... development towards the river and then go along the riverbank ..."

Page three, second paragraph, sixth line should read, "... lot. That would ..."

Page three, fifth paragraph, third line should read, "... little blue stem, and the west ..."

Page four, third paragraph, first line should read, "... to consider stabilization for the stormwater outflow from the Heinen's property, a combination of function and its façade with appropriate plantings.

Commissioner Ganim moved to approve the January 20, 2014 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Commissioner Baetz, a graduating senior at Glenbrook South High School, will attend the May 19 NRC meeting but is unsure about attending the July 21 NRC meeting.

Commissioner Halliday has not received notification of a Council of North Suburban Environment Commissions (CONSEC) meeting since November 16, 2013.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None.

Old Business

• Review of Past Meetings/Events

- Tree Boards and Commissions, February 4

This meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

- Science Fair, District 34, March 8

Commissioner Newman thanked Commissioners Ganim and Baetz, as well as former Commissioner Rob Blomquist, for participating as judges in the Science Fair. There were approximately 40 students who either gave a scientific experiment presentation or an illustrated poster for a research project.

Commissioners suggestions:

- The top two winners give a brief review of their project to the NRC.
- Perhaps next year's Science Fair could have a theme of stormwater.
- Bring NRC materials for distribution to next year's Science Fair.

• Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Chicago Wilderness Congress, April 3

The Chicago Wilderness Congress 2014, themed "Natural Allies: Partners in Conservation," will be held at the University of Illinois, Chicago Forum. It will highlight diverse conservation partnerships among nonprofits, cultural institutions, faith-based organizations, government agencies, and other groups that are critical partners in regional conservation. The keynote speaker is Dr. John Francis, environmental leader and educator. Ms. Flakne reported all Commissioners are registered.

During the event's lunch there will be roundtable discussions lead by presenters at each table. Ms. Flakne and Commissioner Baetz are presenters who will speak about how the relationship between the Natural Resources Commission and Project Earth has evolved over the years and the future of the alliance. It would be good to have a local paper publish a photograph of them at the event.

- Arbor Day, April 25

Ms. Flakne will ask Chairperson Saunders to consider being the Speaker at Arbor Day which will be held at either Glenbrook South High School or an elementary school.

- Chicago River Day, May 10

Site Captain this year is Ms. Flakne, who handed out flyers for Commissioners to distribute. There will be a Chicago River Day organizational meeting on Thursday, March 13. Commissioner Newman will help locate elementary school volunteers and Commissioner Baetz will help locate

high school volunteers. It may be beneficial for Chairperson Saunders to contact the Glenview resident who is on the Friends of Chicago River Board of Trustees.

- Farmer's Market Green Table, Summer 2014

Chairperson Saunders is seeking a volunteer to recruit participants and organize the Farmer's Market Green Table. The Green Table starts towards the end of June and goes through mid-October. Commissioner Beck will contact Chairperson Saunders to determine if Ms. Roxanne Junge is also searching for a coordinator and to request a copy of The Green Table's schedule from 2013. Perhaps each Natural Resources Commissioner could make telephone calls to confirm some speakers and schedule their participation. The Village will be at The Green Table to speak about rain gardens.

Agenda items for the May 19 NRC Meeting

- Scheduling of Other 2014 Work Days and Events
 - Late summer/early fall events such as the Bike Tour and Fall River Clean Up
 - Recruiting process for the next Natural Resources student Commissioner.

- **Grant Application Status**

Ms. Flakne reported the Village received a Section 319 Grant to perform work on Heinen's property pertaining to:

- In-stream fish habitat structures (riffles and pools)
- Construction of a sidewalk with two retaining walls (along the river that will allow pedestrians from Glenview Road to walk to the grocery store)
- Native vegetation
- Stream bank stabilization at the toe of the slope.

There will be a request for proposals in late spring to begin work in late summer/early fall.

The Village is waiting for a response to a grant application from the Fish and Wildlife Service which will make the award for the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership.

The Village is currently writing an application for a private grant from the ComEd Green Region which would allow the Village to match a federal government grant.

- **Outreach**

Commissioner Newman will advise the principal of Pleasant Ridge School that the NRC would be interested in hearing from two student winners from the Science Fair.

New Business

None.

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Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Scott
Recording Secretary