

MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 20, 2015

1. Call to Order by the Chairman

The July 20, 2015 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall Staff Room.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

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

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders, Commissioners Halliday, Newman, Ganim and Beck,
Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison, Roy Fickel, Public
Works Director

ABSENT: Commissioner Chiappetta

3. Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked for corrections or comments to the March 16, 2015 Minutes of the Natural Resources Commission meeting. The following revisions will be made:

On page 2, under #4 1st sentence change to read “..... Going Green Matters.”

On page 2, under #6 2nd paragraph 1st sentence change to read “....will be promoting plan month in May.” 4th sentence, strike “to do.”

5th sentence, strike “going to be.”

6th sentence DVD (not DVD’s) and strike “help” and change “educate about invasives on.”

11th sentence change “...can eliminate them before they spread out of control.”

15th sentence, add a period after “agreed.” New sentence “Ms. Stiefel asked for a suggestion for a better title.”

7th paragraph 3rd sentence capitalize “North Branch Trail”

Last page, under #7 strike “Comm. Newman agreed to do CUB again, and Comm. Halliday will handle mitigation.”

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the March 16, 2015 minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

4. General Communications

Commissioner Newman submitted an article regarding composite be used to mitigate and address storm water management by absorbing the moisture and provide less run off. A PDF will be sent to Dr. Flakne for distribution.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

There were no cases for consideration.

6. Old Business

- **Review of recent meetings/events**

Summer Festival June 27th: Comm. Newman reported they gave out tattoos and received a variety of questions like recycle bins and other natural resource questions.

Chicago Region Tree Initiative Event July 14: Comm. Ganim attended this event at Morton's Arboretum where Oak Park and Glenview were awarded "The Most Innovated Forestry Program" in the Chicago Region which was presented to The Natural Resource Commission of Glenview. Dr. Flakne stated that along with the award they received a voucher for a free tree. Comm. Beck felt the award should be displayed in a case somewhere like the library. Chairperson Saunders felt this was great recognition for the Commission.

- **Upcoming meetings/events**

Comprehensive Plan July 22 and 23: Chairperson Saunders stated all should attend it is an open house. This event will allow attendees input on traffic issues, policy and public affairs.

Green Infrastructure Bike Tour August 2: Dr. Flakne reported that there has been low sign up for this event and may need to put this on another date. The Commissioners agreed to re-schedule this event to August 23rd. Comm. Beck asked if flyers were printed and Dr. Flakne stated she had them with her this evening. The cut-off date to sign up will now be August 14th and new flyers will be printed. Dr. Flakne stated that most of the attendees for the bike tour sign up at the Farmers Market. Since Comm. Ganim cannot attend, Chairperson Saunders will stop by the Farmers Market to pick up the sign-up sheet. Comm. Beck stated she will put flyers up at the Train Station.

Eagle Scout volunteer planting event, August/Sept: Dr. Flakne reported this event has not been scheduled yet. She felt they needed to come up with a better name for the event. Chairman Saunders not pleased with the way the bioswale is being managed. Comm. Beck noticed it was difficult to identify what changes have been made, unless someone is down near the walkway. Dr. Flakne reported there are seat walls and some plantings, but agreed the area cannot be seen unless someone is down in the area. The path is not open yet; however, people are walking along the path even though there are no steps yet. Comm. Beck suggested signage to identify the area to invite people use the walk. Chairperson Saunders suggested the Commissioners visit the area before the next meeting. There will be a planting date for volunteers as there is a need for more plantings. Dr. Flakne stated there is an Eagle Scout who has been working on this for several years and staff hopes to allow him to continue his design soon.

Oaktober library event October 8: Dr. Flakne reported that the Oaktober event is now official as Governor Rauner has signed the proclamation. They will be at the Library on the 8th to discuss oaks.

Farmer's Market Green Table: Chairperson Saunders reported on the Farmers Market recent event which was attended by ABT in full force and The Recyclery was taking bikes to recycle and the Glenview Bike Shop also takes bikes to recycle. Chairperson has meeting with Roxanne Young regarding the Green Table, so if any of the Commissioners has any ideas to present let the Chairperson know.

Heritage Tree applications: Comm. Ganim reported they took the applications and went out on July 10th to measure trees they were all in the right-of-way and there a seven under evaluation. Dr. Flakne told Comm. Ganim to give the forms to her and will plug in the data to determine which trees get special certificates. Comm. Beck stated there were one or two trees that were misidentified and have been corrected. Comm. Beck felt there was a bit of confusion with homeowners who felt they could only submit parkway trees. Comm. Beck stated the Circles Community could do a press release. Dr. Flakne stated they would make out certificates for the homeowners and could hold them for the Circles Community to deliver in person. The Commissioners felt they could provide pictures of the trees and tie this in with the Oaktober event as well.

- **Project Updates**

Dr. Flakne has been working on a Forest Management Plan that can be awarded Federal Grant monies. This grant would be matched by the Natural Resource Commission.

Dr. Flakne introduced two interns, Nathaniel Hoerger and Angela Korabik, who have been working with her on various projects, including the River Walk project, the upcoming Oaktober event and several others.

Comm. Beck was at a CMAP meeting and would like to work on becoming an Arboretum Community. The Commissioners agreed to place this on a future agenda.

- **Outreach:**

Chairperson Saunders requested sending notices to all Heritage Tree owners inviting them to the Oaktober discussion.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Borowski
Recording Secretary