

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 18, 2016**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The July 18, 2016 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 6:55 p.m. in the Rugen Community Room at Village Hall.

2. Roll Call and Declaration of a Quorum

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

PRESENT: Chairperson Saunders; Commissioners Beck, Halliday, Newman, Ganim, Chung, and Dr. Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

GUESTS: Roy Fickel, Public Works Superintendent
Emily Okallau, Ecological Restoration Intern
Dan Plant, Glenview resident
Michael Plant, Glenview resident & member of Boy Scout Troop 156
Scott Daniels, Glenview resident
George Nassos, Glenview resident
Farrukh Jafter, League of Women Voters

3. Swearing-In

Chairperson Saunders conducted the swearing-in of the new student Commissioner, Daniel Chung. Mr. Chung introduced himself as a senior from Glenbrook South who has been involved in Project Earth and is very interested in participating in community involvement.

4. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested to be made to the May 23, 2016 Minutes:

- Page 3 – paragraph 4: Delete the 3rd sentence
- Page 3 – paragraph 4: Change the last sentence to read “Commissioner Beck stated that CMAP Grants usually tend to go to communities who have never done comprehensive planning.”

The following change will be made to the March 14, 2016 Minutes:

- Change “draft” to “final”

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the March 14, 2016 minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 5-0.

5. General Communications

Several recent news articles from local publications were distributed.

6. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS

- Student membership
Daniel Chung was sworn in as the new student member of the Natural Resources Commission.
- Monarch Proclamation update
Dr. Flakne reported her staff is trying to implement gardens that are pollinator friendly and publicly accessible, such as the one in front of Village Hall. Westbrook School installed a monarch garden on their grounds, and Hoffman School is in the process of creating a monarch friendly habitat in their courtyard. Interns Emily and Rebecca have been working closely with the school to support a work day for 60 fourth graders. The two interns designed the garden and will assist with implementation of planting. Ms. Okallau has also appeared at the Farmer's Market green table regarding monarchs. An area by the downtown train station will soon be converted into a monarch friendly garden.

Dr. Flakne explained that the Field Museum in Chicago has taken the lead locally with the national movement to support monarch habitat, and that a monarch proclamation was accepted and signed by Glenview. An Eagle Scout has not come through on the summer projects, but she is hoping he will commit to the fall projects. Commissioner Beck noted a lot of organizations have native plant sales in the spring, and suggested including information in the village newsletter about where residents can purchase milkweed.

- Glenview Art League/NRC Art Competition
This Art Competition is sponsored by the Glenview Art League for art inspired by nature. The event is scheduled for the July 30th weekend on the grounds of Lyons School. Applications were due June 15th and several entries were received. Assistance is needed the morning of July 30th for checking in the artists. As this is the first nature art competition event, it will be reviewed afterward to decide if the NRC wishes to participate again next year.
- *Heritage Tree updates*
The Heritage Tree data base that was started in 2008 now needs updating. Initially there were several nominations, but nominations have become less frequent over time. There is a large list of registered trees, but the information in the database is in need of updating. Chairperson Saunders briefly explained to the citizens present how the Heritage Tree program works. An application period was established from Arbor Day through July 4th, with tree measurements done July through October. The application period is now closed with only two applicants. Commissioner Ganim will coordinate a time to go out and measure the trees and have them added to the database. Interns

have been visiting the tree locations to determine who lives at those locations, providing the trees are still there. They are working with IT and GIS staff to get this information on-line and the trees will be mapped out. Dr. Flakne asked that if any members have anything they would like to see added or deleted to the application form to let her know. Chairman Saunders inquired about getting some of the Park District trees into the program. It was noted that additional information is available on the village website.

- *Review of recent meetings/events:*

- Chicago River Blue

- Dr. Flakne was presented with a silver ribbon award at the Friends of the Chicago River annual fund raiser. This was in recognition of the Riverwalk near Heinen's.

- CONSEG, July 12th

- Commissioner Beck and Ms. Okallau reported on the recent coalition meeting of the environmental commission group they recently attended. The next meeting is September 13th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The topic will be "enhancing walkability in your community." A speaker/author will be attending in October. The meetings are held at the Botanical Garden every other month and anyone is welcome to attend.

- Chaddick Institute Tour, July 14

- Commissioner Beck attended this event and reported they have been interested in land use and have an interest in natural areas. This year's annual walk was held in downtown Glenview. It included the Park District and library, as well as other architectural projects throughout the village. The walk ended at the new 1090 craft brewery. As part of the tour, Dr. Flakne spoke about the NRC and river walk.

- Farmer's Market Green Table

- Commissioner Ganim will be there July 23rd to promote Bike Glenview and try to get people signed up for the Green Infrastructure Bike Tour. They will also be collecting old bikes on that date. The schedule of topics for the Green Table through October 8th are listed on the village website, and includes beekeepers, forest preserves, trees, tomatoes, and energy. Commission Halliday noted that the September 17th date was omitted from the Village newsletter. Dr. Flakne will pass along that information to Lynn Stiefel.

- Comprehensive Plan meetings and update

- Commissioner Beck shared information about the most recent meeting about the Comprehensive Plan last Thursday. The Plan includes a chapter on natural resources in Glenview. She asked that the Commissioners try to attend the upcoming three Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings. August 9th is the final draft meeting. Commissioner Beck noted there is a chapter about neighborhoods and redevelopment, along with a transportation chapter that includes biking and walking amenities.

- *Planning for upcoming meetings/events*

- Forest Preserve Bike Tour

- Chairperson Saunders reported this event will be August 21st. She sent the link to sign up on-line for a free 1.5 to 2 hour bike tour along the North Branch starting at Blue Star Memorial Woods by the overpass. They will go north and return south on the trail. She is hoping to have information about the tour at the Farmer's Market Green Table on Saturday.

- Green Infrastructure Bike Tour - August 28

- The Green Infrastructure Bike Tour can be done on your own. Dr. Flakne reported that it is on the back of the Bike Glenview map which is easier to follow than the website. The bike tour was meant to be a self-guided tour, but is not that easy to follow. Once completed, a prize is given. A guided tour has been offered annually for several years and has been lightly attended. There will be no hard limit on the number of people signing up since so many cancel at the last minute. Dr. Flakne will provide a sign-up sheet for Commissioner Ganim to use at the Green Table along with some of the flyers.

- Fall River cleanup

- Tentative dates between October 23rd and November 6th were discussed; the date will be finalized once all members confirm their availability. There is more brush cutting and litter clean up done in the fall. Chairperson Saunders asked that Commissioner Chung obtain a school calendar for the fall and try to recruit some students to assist. She is also hoping for a scout troop to participate.

- OAKtober

- This will be the second OAKtober in Glenview. Dr. Flakne reported the initiative already has the Governor's Proclamation and the Green Table for October 1st is "Welcome to OAKtober". Dr. Flakne will be doing a walk at the Grove on the 8th with Judy Ksiazek. Commissioner Beck will contact the Senior Center to see if Dr. Flakne can speak to the group about OAKtober.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sign program additions

- Dr. Flakne reported this is another intern project. The concept is that signs are put out along Glenview's green infrastructure hotspots to let walkers know what the site is all about. The new detention basin installed last spring near the Methodist church needs a modified sign. They will be working with the same designer for cohesiveness. She listed areas where an interpretive sign is needed and issued a copy of the first draft of the sign information for the designer. Chairperson Saunders noted that the signs do contain QR codes. Commissioner Ganim asked about getting the large white oak along the river walk trimmed.

- Tree keeper meeting
Chairperson Saunders will talk about this at a future meeting. She noted that volunteers are trained to support urban trees and the goal is to have a chapter in each community.

Mr. Nassos reported that in three weeks it is Earth Overshoot Day. He explained that this is the day where the world has consumed 100% of resources generated in one year. Last year it was August 13th and this year it's August 8th. Global Footprint Network measures the ecological footprint of over 200 countries to determine how much each country provides for life and what is consumed from the earth's natural resources. At this rate, by 2030, two earths will be needed to provide for the entire population.

7. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 5-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary