

**MINUTES**  
**GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**May 15, 2017**

**1. Call to Order by the Chairperson**

The May 15, 2017 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 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 and Ganim;  
Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Daniel Chung

GUESTS: Lynne Stiefel, Village Communications Director  
Scott Daniels, Glenview resident  
Wyatt Cummings, Glenview resident  
Neil Wilner, Glenview resident  
Michelle Cummings, Glenview resident

**3. Approval of Minutes**

The following changes were made to the March 20, 2017 Minutes:

- Page 4 – add “of Glenbrook South” when referencing the courtyard where the Arbor Day tree was planted.

Commissioner Ganim moved to approve the March 20, 2017 Minutes as amended.

Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Beck abstained as she was not present at the March meeting.

**4. General Communications**

Chairperson Saunders distributed copies of flyers for the *Bike to Worship Weekend* and *Call for Art* competition announcement.

**5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- *Pollinator and Monarch projects* (Guest: Wyatt Cummings)  
Wyatt is an Eagle Scout from Troop 156 in the process of earning a Hornaday Award. This award is for scouts who contribute significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection. He is working on monarch butterfly habitats in Glenview. This includes setting up information tables this summer at the train station to

distribute seeds and spread the word on protecting monarch butterflies. He will also interact with the Field Museum to improve and certify existing habitats and on increasing species diversity. On August 12<sup>th</sup> he will assist at the Green Table to inform residents about these topics.

Dr. Flakne reported they want to certify Gallery Park as it is a terrific butterfly habitat. Other areas include Air Station Prairie, Techny Basin and the river area, the four detention basins and Village Hall, which will be enhanced this year. They will also include the rain garden by Dewes Street (downtown) and the River Walk. The new butterfly garden by the Kiss 'n Ride at the downtown Metra will be used for a communication kickoff in late May or early June. Ms. Stiefel will notify media once the project begins and will advertise when the train garden opens. She reported that 3,700 individuals are signed up for email blasts through E-Glenview. Commissioner Ganim asked if yearly maintenance will be required at the habitat sites. Wyatt explained that most of these are for native self-sustaining plants, but those in more urban areas may require maintenance.

- *Communications* (Guest: Lynne Stiefel)

Ms. Stiefel reported what she has been doing to get the word out on natural resources in Glenview. She shared copies of the February newsletter which included tips on living with wildlife. The *Village Report* had an article in April on how to emphasize natural mulching of a lawn when cutting. The May newsletter noted several events that are being offered as part of Bike Glenview. Village social media campaigns also touch on natural resources. The “map madness” was done through Facebook and Twitter in March by the GIS staff. The winning map that was most liked was the Green Infrastructure Bike Tour. The Forest Preserve has a new media/PR person who does a quarterly schedule of forest preserve activities for all municipalities. North branch trail maps and brochures were also sent out.

In the future, Ms. Stiefel suggested doing some “Ask the Village” segments where a village employee explains a frequently asked question. These also get interspersed on GVTV. She would like to do one on rain gardens and explain the purposes of detention areas, pollinators, and green infrastructure. Those will be scheduled this summer. E-Glenview is a weekly newsletter where Ms. Stiefel announces a great deal of information, including clean up and restoration days. In September she will do an article on the pollinators.

While recently doing a project, Commissioner Beck discovered that about 12.5% of the Glenview population is Korean. If translatable material is provided, the Korean business community will post articles in their newspaper and windows. Ms. Stiefel noted that Jim Patterson met with some Korean groups regarding translation, and that it is very expensive to translate, but she proposed just doing a fact sheet. A translator link was added to the village website, so anything can be translated. It was suggested doing

some of the village flyers in Korean, but to keep in mind that other languages are spoken locally and might also be considered for translation.

## OLD BUSINESS

- *Village Board presentation*  
Ms. Stiefel suggested submitting an end of year report.
- *Natural Resource Commissioners*  
Chairperson Saunders swore in Judy Beck as a Natural Resource Commissioner, since her previous term expired.

With Commissioner Chung graduating, this student position needs to be filled.

- *Green Business Award*  
Commissioner Newman explained the Village used to give a green business award. The NRC decided to again do a green business award to recognize sustainable actions being taken by Glenview businesses. Commissioner Newman, Scott Daniels and Mark Kopec met and created a draft which is being fine-tuned. Their draft breaks down into objectives to reinforce initiatives that will drive some change in an organization. There is an education component, collaboration and recognition, and encouragement for continued innovation. The goal is for an annual self-nomination process. Discussion ensued regarding how many awards to present and how to get people to submit applications in a timely fashion. When the program is ready to go, staff support will be needed. Ms. Stiefel and the Chamber will assist with getting the word out. Commissioner Beck suggested looking at the Comprehensive Plan for ideas to tie this together.
- Grant updates  
Dr. Flakne noted these are not for money, but for in-kind support, and that some were applied for quite a while ago.
  - SMA Internship  
Dr. Flakne applied to the Society of Municipal Arborists over two years ago with a response to their RFP. This is for an intern that will be paid by SMA, but the work has to be tree specific. She was able to get an intern for 10 weeks who is starting May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will still get her two regular interns in addition to this one.
  - VCAPS (Vulnerability, Consequences, and Adaptation Planning)  
This is a technical assistance grant and a planning process developed by Sea Grant. They work with a municipality to identify assets and vulnerabilities to various climate change scenarios and to see how a community plans to become less vulnerable to those possibilities. It's a visually oriented process with

diagrams. They want 10 to 15 people involved and as many village departments as possible to be represented, including Public Works, emergency personnel and other departments. Dr. Flakne will also recruit from the NRC. Once a team is put together, each person will be contacted for a one-on-one. There will then be two consecutive half days of meetings at the end of July. Commissioner Beck suggested that Dr. Flakne review the City of Chicago's Climate Change Plan since it is so comprehensive.

- CMAP  
(Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) They gave Glenview a technical assistance award a **couple** of years ago, but Dr. Flakne needed to put them on hold due to time constraints. When she contacted them at a later date, they asked if Glenview could wait until the fall.
- Review of recent meetings/events
  - Margaret Frisbie Earth Day talk, April 23  
Ms. Frisbie spoke at the library about overflow action days and how to reduce local flooding. This event was well attended.
  - Arbor Day observance, April 27  
Dr. Flakne and Chairperson Saunders participated in the planting with the Garden Club at Glenbrook South.
  - Fish Release, April 29  
Dr. Flakne and Mr. Daniels attended this rotary club, village and park district sponsored event. In spite of the weather, there was a great turnout. This will increase awareness of what is going on at Lake Glenview and Gallery Park.
  - CONSEG (Go Green Illinois), May 9  
This was attended by Dr. Flakne and Chairperson Saunders. The group is changing their name to Go Green Illinois (from its current title). Dr. Flakne explained that the Metropolitan Mayors' Caucus has a program called the Greenest Region Compact that is a checklist or series of guidelines that are sustainability oriented. Dr. Flakne is trying to determine how many of these items a village needs to actually do. In the past Glenview had a Green Team, but it dismantled. A copy of the GRC 2 – The Framework by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus was shared with the group. Mr. Wilner inquired about a Comprehensive Plan for Glenview and was advised it is available to view on the Village's website. Commissioner Beck reported she attended a meeting in LaCrosse, Wisconsin where all the areas in the upper river basin invited the Great Lakes new Executive Director to be involved with some of their strategic planning.

- River Day, May 13  
Dr. Flakne reported the event resulted in a significant amount of trash pick-up and had a good turnout. The owner of one company sent out families to participate. Chairperson Saunders would like to see a better concerted effort to reach out to youth and scout groups.
- Commissioner Beck attended the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission meeting May 8-9<sup>th</sup> in Oregon, Illinois. Steve Swanson was being recognized and there were two Glenview items on the agenda. Additional land has been added to The Grove so it is now 145 acres, and a portion of that will be dedicated as an Illinois Nature Preserve. The Kent Fuller Air Station Prairie is also being added into the system. Ms. Beck would like to announce this at the first Green Table, although she is unsure how long it takes for the formal process to be complete.
- Planning for upcoming meetings/events
  - Art competition  
Commissioner Halliday proposed having different judges for photographs and paintings.
  - Green Table  
Chairperson Saunders reported that she has most dates for the Farmer's Market scheduled. August 12<sup>th</sup> will be pollinators by Dr. Flakne and Wyatt Cummings.
  - Green infrastructure bike tour  
Potential dates were discussed for late August or early September. There was also discussion about possibly changing the name of this event.
  - Village events  
The Village Summer Festival is the last Saturday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and usually gets high attendance.
- Outreach  
Dr. Flakne reported there have not been any heritage tree applications.

## **6. Adjournment**

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Eileen Schultz*

Recording Secretary