

**MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
March 12, 2018**

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The March 12, 2018 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:00 p.m. in the Dewes Conference 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,
and Dr. Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison

ABSENT: Commissioner Cummings

GUESTS: Sophia Gyuk
Scott Daniels
Mark Kopec

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were requested to be made to the January 22, 2018 Minutes:

- Page 2: Replace first paragraph with rewrite submitted by Commissioner Halliday
- Page 2: 2nd paragraph: Delete “on the ground” and change places to “citizens.” Also change sentence about big box stores so it indicates “selling” rather than “carrying milkweed.”
- Page 3 - 1st paragraph: change 4th sentence to read “...should include plants that people already value.”
- Page 4 - 2nd paragraph: Add “Commissioners Ganim and Halliday presented some minor additions to the final draft.”
- Page 4 - 3rd paragraph: Change motioner from Commissioner Beck to Newman.
- Page 4 - 1st sentence: Under Business Plan, add “to consider all projects and responsibilities with each season.”
- Page 5 - Under River Clean-Ups: Delete reference to “Wilmette’s Go Green event.”

Commissioner Beck moved to approve the January 22, 2018 minutes as amended. Commissioner Ganim seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Chairperson Saunders shared a March 8th newspaper article quoting Dr. Flakne about recycling Christmas trees. Dr. Flakne shared information about a pollinator workshop webinar at the Field Museum on March 13th. Commissioner Newman was able to successfully register and will report back.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Composting presentation/discussion (Guest: Sophia Gyuk)

Dr. Flakne introduced Ms. Gyuk, a student at Springman Middle School, who requested information about composting in Glenview. She has been researching various practices. Dr. Flakne explained that the Village doesn't have commercial-scale composting set up and thus far no private composting business has the necessary licensing or permitting. She is hoping individual residents are doing residential-scale without the Village's assistance. Dr. Flakne directed her to SWANCC for further information on composting.

Ms. Gyuk is working on Project Wonder which allows the student to pick a topic where they can make a difference. She explained that most schools can't compost due to several issues, such as lack of both on-site space and proper transportation. The Commissioners agree it is a very important issue to address; however, the NRC doesn't have municipal code authority to make decisions to correct the problem. With help from Todd Price at Wagner Farm, Ms. Gyuk plans to reach out to Mariano's and Heinen's. She is mainly interested in food composting.

Commissioner Ganim suggested starting at her school first and then upscale and expand. He noted that some restaurants have composting programs. Chairperson Saunders reported that Ken Dunn of the Resource Center in Chicago has an urban farm program and brings compost to vacant lots and grows produce, and has a special food waste composting permit from the state. Mark Kolpec said he did urban gardening at Loyola and volunteer work and the kids used to collect and analyze the garbage. Educating the students is also an issue, as they weren't composting properly. Commissioner Beck suggested speaking with Oakton Community College, which is working on sustainability issues.

Following further discussion, Chairperson Saunders asked Ms. Gyuk what the NRC can do to support her project, mentioning that the green table at Glenview's Farmer's Market is a possible venue for Ms. Gyuk to present composting solutions. The Commissioners suggested that classroom worm bins could be a good start for composting leftover food.

Chairperson Saunders asked Ms. Gyuk to report back with what happens at her school.

OLD BUSINESS

- Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award update
Commissioner Newman distributed a copy of the latest draft for review. He met with Dr. Flakne, Tony Repp and Lynn Stiefel for comments. They broadened potential awardees to include organizations that serve the Glenview community. Chairperson Saunders will arrange a meeting to present the idea to the Chamber of Commerce. A revised draft of the award program will be discussed with Village staff and direction for moving forward will be sought.

- 2018 Communications Campaign

Dr. Flakne noted there are many ideas for this so they need to be prioritized. Theme ideas include migration corridors, composting, sustainability, and pollinators. Discussion ensued with all members presenting various ideas for a theme. Commissioner Beck suggested The Grove and Open Space with the proposed referendum. Chairperson Saunders proposed a theme of supporting migration. She would also like to let people know the Plan for Nature has been successfully incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan and is not an amendment. There was discussion about revising the Nature in Glenview brochure, but it is not in the 2018 budget, and an electronic approach might be better. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning project will take place during the 10-year anniversary of the Plan for Nature, which could be another communications theme. Chairperson Saunders commented that she and Dr. Flakne will be doing a presentation to Leadership Glenview on April 20th, and can also update the Village Board. She suggested that Ms. Stiefel help in communicating the work that's been done and where the NRC is going in the future. Dr. Flakne suggested having Ms. Stiefel introduce the CMAP planning process to the community and Commissioner Beck would like to have a few sentences that encapsulate the importance of the CMAP process. Commissioner Ganim suggested asking Ms. Stiefel to include a landmark of Glenview in each newsletter. Mr. Daniels commented that The Lantern is always looking for copy.

- Monarch planning and grant application

Dr. Flakne distributed a copy of the Glenview Monarch Conservation Plan from the last meeting. She did not receive any comments, so she will enter the figures and illustrations, do a Table of Contents and cover page and present to Jerry Burke to request he incorporate it into Public Works' operations. She is hoping to talk to CMAP about this. Chairperson Saunders attended a rainwater program at Hazel Crest which raised consciousness about flooding and green infrastructure.

Dr. Flakne stated that the grant application for ComEd is very competitive. The RFP indicates they want a focus on pollinators. She is trying to make the case that Glenview has done groundwork for pollinators for quite some time and adds a new pollinator habitat each year, and plans to do so again. The NRC members reviewed and approved the application.

- 2018 Event Planning

- Leadership Glenview Presentation, April 20

Chairperson Saunders and Dr. Flakne will present about the NRC purpose and activities.

- Arbor Day, April 27

This will take place at Glenbrook South High School. Chairperson Saunders will speak, and other NRC members are welcome. The tree, a purple-flowered cultivar of black locust, will be planted near the donation garden on Lake Avenue. Chairperson Saunders noted they are trying to eradicate black locusts

at Illinois Beach State Park; though a native species, in some contexts it can be considered invasive.

- River Day, May 12
Kent Fuller has agreed to be co-captain at this event. It is a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and all NRC members were encouraged to attend. Dr. Flakne hopes to get the word out to some of the scouts and other groups who have participated in the past.
- Farmer's Market Green Table
Chairperson Saunders will be meeting with Todd Price to discuss the Green Table and asked for ideas. Commissioner Newman reported the OLPH green team is interested in returning. Commissioner Halliday will set a date to present with Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited.
- 2018 Business Plan and framework for planning
Dr. Flakne presented the final copy of the Business Plan which incorporated the revisions discussed at the last NRC meeting. She included a line item to review the Plan for Nature annually. Chairperson Saunders explained the NRC needs to develop a strategy to keep a focus on the history as they move forward.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Ganim moved to adjourn; Commissioner Newman seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary