

MINUTES
GLENVIEW NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
May 7, 2018

1. Call to Order by the Chairperson

The May 7, 2018 meeting of the Glenview Natural Resources Commission was called to order by Chairperson Saunders at 7:05 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, Cummings,
Dr. Robyn Flakne, Natural Resources Manager and Staff Liaison
ABSENT: Commissioner Ganim
GUESTS: Lynne Stiefel, Village Communications Director
Scott Daniels, Glenview resident
Jamie Kim, Glenbrook South student
Michelle Antony, Glenbrook South student
Cameron, Glenbrook South student

3. Approval of Minutes

The following changes were made to the March 12, 2018 Minutes:

- Page 2: Change Springhill Middle School to “Springman”
- Page 3: Line 9 - divide into two sentences
- Page 3: Last sentence of paragraph 1 - change “hallmark” to “landmark”
- Page 4: Under Farmer’s Market – add “with Tim Joyce of Wild Birds Unlimited” to the end of the last sentence

Commissioner Newman moved to approve the March 12, 2018 Minutes as amended. Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 4-0.

4. General Communications

Chairperson Saunders reported that the July 10th Go Green Illinois meeting will feature the Great Rivers Chicago initiative.

5. Consideration of Cases on the Agenda

None

NEW BUSINESS

- *None*

OLD BUSINESS

- Glenview Environmental Sustainability Award update

Dr. Flakne and Commissioner Newman met with Lynn Stiefel and Tony Repp about presenting the idea to the Village Manager's office. Commissioner Beck asked if there needs to be an award given every year. Commissioner Newman explained there is language included saying the NRC can withhold the award in any category.

- 2018 Communications Campaign (Guest: Lynne Stiefel)

It was agreed to push back the application deadline for the first year of the Sustainability Award from August to September. Ms. Stiefel will publicize the program in the village newsletter and distribute information to other agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Stiefel reported that the new Police Department medication drop-off bin has been very successful. Also, Northfield Township has scheduled three hazardous material collections. The impending railroad situation could have a huge impact on public health and the environment is a priority. The plan is to get as many residents involved as possible, although it is a difficult issue for residents to fully understand.

Commissioner Beck would like to publicize the fact that the Village's Plan for Nature will be ten years old this year. Ms. Stiefel agreed to try to highlight that anniversary for October. She asked that the NRC continue to keep her apprised of the annual activities and events. Ms. Stiefel noted that e-glenview is a weekly email communication that currently goes out to 4,000 Village residents. There will also be a new feature starting called History in a Heartbeat, so she would appreciate any potential topics for that feature.

- Chi-Cal grant opportunity

Dr. Flakne reported Chi-Cal is once again in the grant seeking stage. After applying and not being funded in the past, she will make another attempt. This is for improvements for the Baxter property next to the Loyola Academy fields along the pedestrian path. The hope is to get funding to extend the path. She likes this grant because it covers three areas: green infrastructure, habitat improvement and public access. Her project would cover the last two. The difference with this year's grant is that they will have a pre-proposal period with a shorter application. She reviewed the pros and cons of this new process.

- Heritage tree applications

Dr. Flakne reported there is one application delayed from the November packet. There is also a second one from a resident who wants their tree nominated, but will require her to fill out the app for them. Both applications will be forwarded to Commissioner Ganim for review and measuring. Chairperson Saunders asked if an NRC member could be at the September Green Table to share information about the Heritage Tree Program.

- Review of recent events
 - Leadership Glenview presentation, April 20
Chairperson Saunders reported that the Chamber initiated a new program called Leadership Glenview. She and Dr. Flakne spoke to this group at the Tyner Center about what the NRC does and received a very positive response.
 - Pollinator Program, April 21
Commissioner Cummings reported this educational program was held at the library and had a good turnout. He gave a presentation with a few other speakers and distributed seed packets and plugs.
 - Arbor Day, April 27
This was held at Glenbrook South and a purple-flowered cultivar of black locust was planted near the donation garden on Lake Avenue. It is a pollinator supporter tree.
- 2018 Event Planning
 - **River Day Clean-Ups – May 12**
This event will be from 9:00 am to noon and participants should meet to the east of the Kohl's parking lot. Kent Fuller will assist with coordinating this event. There is a lot of trash to be picked up and they will be cutting some buckthorn or invasive species to open up the space for new plantings.
 - **Bike to Worship Weekend – May 18-20**
Glenview Clergy Association is assisting with getting the word out to residents.
 - **Green Infrastructure Bike Tour, July 28**
Dr. Flakne will lead riders around town to highlight some of the structural improvements made to provide green infrastructure.
 - **Farmer's Market Green Table**
A draft copy of the 2018 Green Table schedule was distributed for all to review.
 - **OAKtober**
This event will be planned as the month gets closer. The Grove still wants to do another Tree Trot which has a tentative date of October 6th. Dr. Flakne is open to any ideas.

Other Items

Commissioner Beck asked about trees being cut along the river banks near residences. She observed several cut near the bridge at the end of Raleigh and near Central. Dr. Flakne was not aware of this and asked that she forward some photos with the exact locations.

The Grove Heritage Association's annual meeting is June at 6:30 p.m. at the Grove. The speaker will be Jerry Adelman who is Executive Director of Open Lands talking about history.

6. Adjournment

Commissioner Newman moved to adjourn; Commissioner Beck seconded the motion. Upon voice vote the motion carried 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Schultz

Recording Secretary