

**Glen Ellyn Park District
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)
September 27, 2018
6:00 PM
185 Spring Avenue**

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM

II. Roll Call

Upon roll call, those answering present were John Bower, Gail Bode, Adam Kreuzer, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Cornell, Executive Director Harris, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins and Naturalist Frigo. Carrie O'Halleran arrived at 6:45pm.

III. Approval of 12/21/17 meeting minutes

IV. Welcome to new members Maria McCormick and Amber Bode

V. Update of previous action items

A. Marketing efforts

Details of the Greener Glen Ellyn campaign were shared. Topics have included: invasive Plant Species; Nature Rx; Rain Gardens; Tree Health; Native Plants; Insects; Lawn Care; Environmental Stewardship; and Native Trees & Shrubs. Discussion also included why posts to Facebook and Twitter are limited - oversaturation of posts reduces the number of views. Also have limited resources to create an environmental GEPD Facebook site as well as doing more video posts.

B. Earth Day 2017

Recap of successes. Discussion on repeating a similar format, Sunday afternoon with students, guided walks, music, boat rides, environmental organizations, art expo.

C. Other updates

Styrofoam cups have been switched to paper cups at pool and mini golf. It was mentioned that the 2018 Freedom Four Race provide boxed water at the end, rather than plastic water bottles. Boxed water packaging is made with renewable resources. 2019 water supply may not be boxed water due to sponsorships and costs.

VI. New Business

A. Review of bylaw terms and possible extensions

Original committee members whose terms are potentially expiring include Diane, Carrie, Janet and Gail. Follow-up with each member will take place to determine if terms should be extended.

B. Updates on current projects and programs

1. Ackerman parking lot –
Lot to open early October. County stormwater grant money enabled part of the lot to be constructed with permeable pavers with two depressed “rain garden” areas that will be planted in the spring of 2019. It was mentioned that the parking lot rain/butterfly gardens at Cosely Zoo could be referenced for potential planting ideas. LED lights were installed in lot fixtures.
2. Signage at Lake Ellyn –
Plans for installation of signs in by end of 2018.
3. Electric vehicle charging stations are located at Maryknoll and Sunset Parks-Partnership with Village Environmental Commission & The Conservation Foundation –
Three main initiatives have been undertaken: Nature Rx public workshop was held in February; The Sustainable Yard Tour was held in June; and a native tree and shrub sale will be held in September. Director Harris and current Chairperson of the Village’s Environmental Commission – Mr. Kreuzer, agreed that continuing the partnership between the three entities should continue for 2019.

C. Environmental initiatives suggested by committee

1. Invite PD marketing supervisor Courtney O’Kray to next meeting to better explain marketing strategies and public outreach efforts
2. Possibly pursue “short stories” posts on Instagram and other social media.
3. Share posts with School District 41
4. Volcano mulching was mentioned again – what can be done to educate people that it is bad for trees. Discussion included hosting a workshop for contractors that are partially responsible for the practice. The Environmental Commission will look into hosting a workshop with help from The Conservation Foundation. Those in attendance will receive some sort of incentive.

VII. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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