

**Glen Ellyn Park District  
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2017  
6:30 PM  
185 Spring Avenue**

**I. Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.**

**II. Roll Call**

Upon roll call, those answering present were Gail Bode, Janet Kuefler, Carrie O'Halloran, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Cornell, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Hopkins and Naturalist Frigo.

**III. Motion**

Member Kuefler moved to put aside formal protocol under Roberts Rules of Order, seconded by Member O'Halloran and unanimously approved through a voice vote.

**IV. Approval of July 20, 2017 meeting minutes**

**V. Update of previous action items**

A. Marketing efforts

In 2017 included over 24 newspaper articles, nine topics featured in Green Initiatives section of GEPD website, nine articles on website, 11 in-depth social media posts, and program promotion online and brochure. In 2018, a monthly environmental topic will be featured through social media, fliers, posters and children's activities. On-going efforts will also be publicized.

B. Exploring Garden Plots at Surrey Park

Two issues to research include costs to hook up to the fire hydrant nearby, initial estimate could be a few thousand dollars. Second, a survey should be conducted among neighbors to see if there is support of creating plots in the park. It most likely would mean taking away some of the open field space. Overall, members felt this could be a good place to provide plots, recognizing that neighbors would be the primary users.

C. Earth Day Plans

The sub-committee met in October. The main ideas shared were hosting the event at Lake Ellyn, utilizing the boathouse and outdoor space. Target audience should be families. Highlighting the green features of the building and park should be the focus and tours given. Children's activities could include a passport system of visiting different educational stations in

park. Acoustic music under pergola, inviting people to picnic in the park, show appropriate use of hammocks demonstrated, inviting local enviro-groups to share info, and possibly having canoes/kayaks to rent were all discussed. Another planning meeting will be set up for February.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. 2017 Environmental Accomplishments were highlighted as a review of what the District achieved for the year.
- B. 2018 Environmental Outreach and Education will include a monthly topic with information, action items, and involve a participatory children's activity.
- C. The Park District along with the Village of Glen Ellyn have agreed to partner again with The Conservation Foundation for 2018. A few of the events will include a workshop, sustainable yard tour, and native tree and plant sale that will be jointly offered by the three entities.
- D. Additional Items of discussion included:
  - 1. Contacting the sponsors of the Key Clubs at GBW and GBS to see if students would be interested in helping with environmental efforts such as restoration work days, clean-ups, or other outreach efforts
  - 2. Have kids create/are featured in a video/utube on PD topics – likely would get more views than an adult presentation
  - 3. Reaching out to AP Ecology and Environmental teachers of local high schools to see if students would be interested in helping with social media promotion of chosen topics – most likely in the form of a public service announcement/video

## **VII. Walking Tour of Lake Ellyn Park and Boathouse**

Prior to the start of the meeting, Superintendent Hopkins shared with the group some of the green features of the boathouse and surrounding landscape. Due to the cold and darkness, the group opted to save a park tour for a different time.

## **VIII. Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renae Frigo - Naturalist  
Glen Ellyn Park District