

CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
Natural Resources Commission

City Hall
8 N. Elmhurst Rd
Monday, April 28, 2014 5:30 PM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Steve Cutaia Kathy Nowicki Agnieszka Debicki
Agnes Wojnarski Kari Spiegelhalter Ed Madden Marcia Jendreas

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 31, 2014 Meeting Minutes

IV. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

- a. Openlands/ComEd grant - updates
- b. Native Trees Program – update
 - i. Arbor Day Ceremony Friday April 25th 10:00 AM. American linden tree.
 - ii. Park District plans to incorporate native trees in scheduled plantings
 - iii. Morton Arboretum EAB program
- c. Mission Statement and motion to approve logo
- d. Community Day May 17th 2014.
 - i. Natural Resources Commission and Friends of McDonald Creek table
 - ii. Flyers, Volunteer sign-up sheet
- e. Volunteer Program – Prospect Heights Nature Stewards
 - i. Tools and toolbox has been provided by Public Works
 - ii. Volunteer Waiver, Volunteer list
 - iii. Starting date Sunday June 8th, 9am - 12 pm at the slough.
 - iv. Community Resource for activities and information. Suggestions - Facebook, enews, quarterly newsletter, park district ?
- f. Slough Improvement
 - i. Public Works training, reed canary control schedule
- g. CMAP Comprehensive Land Use Plan
 - i. Environmental Action Plan

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Seed Donation from Oakton Community College
 - i. 30 square feet area Somerset Park – Prairie planting - timeline
- b. Future Grants – section 319 EPA grant
 - i. Park District - Somerset Park

VI. REPORTS

- a. Kari Spiegelhalter

- i. Chicago Wilderness Congress
- b. Agnes Wojnarski
 - i. Remnant Prairie ComEd right-of-way
 - ii. Boy Scout Project – Buckthorn removal around the slough
- c. **SPECIAL GUEST** - Jamie Redmond, MA candidate at UW Madison studying McDonald Creek –Presentation

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Monday, May 26, 2014 5:30 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Natural Resources Commission is to preserve, protect and restore Prospect Heights' natural areas and raise awareness of environmental issues affecting Prospect Heights by:

1. Advising the City Council on matters relating to natural areas conservation and restoration, energy efficiency, air and water quality.
2. Creating a volunteer network to enhance, restore and manage Prospect Height's natural areas and resources to maintain and improve their ecological health and biodiversity.
3. Guiding the community in natural open space preservation efforts and encourage private landowners to adopt land management practices that protect and enhance natural resources.
4. Promoting community awareness and education of environmental issues affecting Prospect Height's natural resources, such as Emerald Ash Borer, stormwater and flood management, and the threat of invasive species.
5. Managing grant funding for the completion of restoration and other environmental improvement projects.
6. Reporting to the City Council recommendations for legislation and other actions that would pertain to the natural resources of the city.