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
b. Native Trees Program – update
    i. Arbor Day Ceremony Friday April 25th 10:00 AM.
    ii. Park District plans to incorporate native trees in futured scheduled plantings.
    iii. Morton Arboretum EAB program – Agnes will ask them about their program.
    iv. Public works is ordering all native trees for the spring
c. Mission Statement and motion to approve logo
d. The park district spoke about the trees alive program and how they will be using native trees.
e. Community Day May 17th 2014.
    i. Natural Resources Commission and Friends of McDonald Creek table
    ii. Kari will make a flier for the commission
    iii. Kari and Agnieszka will make a poster.
    iv. Kari will make a volunteer sign-up sheet
    v. Agnes will keep excel spreadsheet of volunteers.
f. Volunteer Program – Prospect Heights Nature Stewards
    i. Tools and toolbox has been provided by Public Works
    ii. Starting date Sunday June 8th, 9am - 12 pm at the slough.
    iii. Community Resource for activities and information.
    iv. Suggestions - Facebook, enews, quarterly newsletter, park district newsletter.
        1. Marcia will coordinate with PH library.
        2. Ed will reach out to PH Cable Channel
g. Slough Improvement

i. Public Works training, reed canary control schedule – May 6th

h. CMAP Comprehensive Land Use Plan
   i. John updated us on the CMAP plan
   ii. Flood control into natural resources program
      1. We have to start thinking about groundwater recharge
      2. Draft is issued June 6th online

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Seed Donation from Oakton Community College
   i. 30 square feet area Somerset Park to be planted mid may of next year

Future Grants – section 319 EPA grant
   ii. Park District - Somerset Park
   iii. Kathy is talking with Hey & Associates and is looking for a survey map of the area

VI. REPORTS

a. Kari Spiegelhalter
   i. Chicago Wilderness Congress

b. Agnes Wojnarski
   i. Remnant Prairie ComEd right-of-way
      1. Soil scientist is coming out on May 7th to see if it is a real remnant prairie
   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: Tuesday, May 27th 5:30
6:57 Adjournment

Submitted by

Kari Spiegelhalter

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Kari Spiegelhalter

Approved by:

Agnes Wojnarski

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Agnes Wojnarski,

Secretary Chairperson

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.