

**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natural Resources Commission was held in the lower level Conference Room of City Hall, 8 N. Elmhurst Road, Prospect Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairperson Wojnarski.

The following Commissioners were present when the roll was called: C. Gaudins, M. Jendreas, E. Madden, D. Sievertson, and Chairperson A. Wojnarski.

Also present was City Liaison S. Cutaia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gaudins moved, seconded by Commissioner Sievertson, to approve the October 28, 2014 Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Slough – The November 23rd Work Day was cancelled because of inclement weather. Mr. Cutaia said Public Works will try to remove some of the larger stumps in the next few weeks. He reported that supplies have been purchased in order to get the beet juice program underway.

Commissioner Gaudins provided copies of a very comprehensive report she prepared on the interpretive signs. She listed work involved in construction, installation, and placement. She also listed what should be covered and where visual images are best utilized on the signs for both the Slough and the Prairie.

Commissioner Sievertson provided cost information from Fast Signs. A 24" x 18" weatherproof sign with post would be approximately \$450.00. Commissioners agreed that for now there should be two signs for the Slough and two for the Prairie, with different content on each pair of signs. There was discussion as to placement but nothing definite was decided.

Prairie – The seed planting day is scheduled for Sunday, December 7, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and invitations have been sent out. The plan is to have about 15 volunteers walk slowly in a line scattering buckets full of seed. Commissioner Madden will look into getting some Boy Scouts to participate, and he will also send out Press Releases.

There was concern about seed to soil contact, so Horcher Farms brought over some equipment, brushed up the thatch and hauled away 7 semi-trucks full.

Cook County Forest Preserve – No further information available at this time.

Outreach Plan – No further information available.

Native Plant Sale – Commissioner Spiegelhalter emailed everyone information about a possible plant purchase plan with Pizzo Native Nursery.

Tully Park Prairie - Church interested in possible purchase of land.

Public Forum – Great forum on the mini watershed plan. This could possibly bring future EPA funding.

NRC Journal – Great job being done by Commissioner Sievertson. He asked Commissioners to provide informational articles and pictures for future editions.

NEW BUSINESS

2015 Meeting Calendar – All Commissioners agreed on the list of 2015 meeting dates, which followed the City Council calendar.

Com Ed Lease Agreement Amendment – It has been submitted to the Real Estate Department, and we should have an answer after the New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Marcia Jendreas, Secretary

Agnes Wojnarski, Chairperson