

**CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 23, 2015**

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 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Wojnarski.

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

Commissioner E. Madden arrived at 6:20 p.m., and Commissioner K. Spiegelhalter arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Also present was City Liaison S. Cutaia and Park District Liaison K. Nowicki.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sievertson moved, seconded by Commissioner Gaudins, to approve the February 23, 2015 Minutes as submitted. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Slough – Work days have been successful and burning will continue. Stumps have been grinded, and “Hot Embers” sign has been received. Permanent signage is not anticipated until the end of the year.

Plugs will be received in three orders: Spences (448 aquatic plugs) beginning of May; Taylor Creek (3,100 plugs) end of May; and Terra (2,560 plugs) delivery date unknown. The plugs will be planted in squares or quadrants; plug sizes are 1-1/2, 2-1/4, and 3-3/8. Some type of netting protection from the animals will be needed. Dana will get prices on stakes. Agnes and Kari will continue working on landscape plan, and leave room for shrub placement.

Prairie - There will be approximately 1,000 plugs planted at the Prairie. Location will be around the future permanent sign and along the bike trail. There is no signed ComEd Lease Agreement yet.

NRC Journal – Dana said he would like to include some historical articles about the Slough and everyone thought that was a good idea.

Library Programs – Commissioners commented that the Green Infrastructure Solutions program really did not pertain to homeowners. The Library wants a program that would cover

rain gardens in addition to other topics that pertain to homeowners. Colleen's talk about native planting will take place on April 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Department has only paid three invoices totaling \$6,878.00 out of the \$20,000 grant, and the budget year is coming to a close. City Liaison Cutaia and Chairperson Wojnarski will check on purchase orders and invoices.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Salemi, Eagle Scout Project – Joe will be instructed to provide more information on his project to Building Director Steve Skiber.

Arbor Day Program – It will take place on April 24th, at 10:00 a.m. A Swamp White Oak will be planted and children from the Park District Kindergarten class will present a program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

Marcia Jendreas, Secretary

Agnes Wojnarski, Chairperson