CITY OF PROSPECT HEIGHTS

Natural Resources Commission

City Hall

8 N. Elmhurst Rd

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 5:30 PM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Steve Cutaia Agnieszka Debicki Ed Madden

Agnes Wojnarski Kari Spiegelhalter Marcia Jendreas

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES April 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

IV. SCHEDULED BUSINESS

a. Openlands/ComEd grant. June 15th we will know about it.
b. Native Trees Program. Emerald Ash Borer program is only for Lake Michigan Watershed, so we don't apply for the Morton Arb's program. They will email us.
    i. Eight more trees have been planted.
c. Community Day May 17th 2014.
    i. WE could present at Block Party.
d. Volunteer Program – Prospect Heights Nature Stewards
    i. We need a memo to ask permission for the city to allow us to work on volunteer days and what our plan is.
    ii. Community Service Minors are available to help us.
    iii. Starting date Sunday June 8th, 9am - 12 pm at the slough.
    iv. Promoting the workdays – facebook. Picture updates.
    v. Ed updated us with slideshow pictures about the natural resources commission. Can we put posters on boards in library. ENews.
    vi. Community Resource for activities and information.
    vii. Volunteer training.
e. Slough Improvement
    i. Public Works training, reed canary control schedule
    ii. Canada thistle and teasel control
f. CMAP Comprehensive Land Use Plan
g. Remnant Prairie ComEd right-of-way
h. Seed Donation from Oakton Community College
i. Future Grants – section 319 EPA grant
    i. Park District - Somerset Park
    ii. University of Wisconsin McDonald Creek Improvement plan

iii. Somerset Park 319 grant and jamie's improvement plan will be combined

j. Meetings wll mostly be on the same day as the city council meetings

V. NEW BUSINESS

Timeline for future meetings

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting: Monday, June 23, 2014 5:30 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Submitted by

Kari Spiegelhalter

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Kari Spiegelhalter

Secretary

Approved by:

Agnes Wojnarski

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Agnes Wojnarski,

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.

Ideas
Raise money with rain barrels