

**VILLAGE OF LAKE BLUFF
SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE
MEETING**

July 27, 2016

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Village of Lake Bluff Sustainability and Community Enhancement Ad Hoc Committee (SEC) met on July 27, 2016 in the Village Hall Board Room (40 E. Center Avenue) at 7:00 p.m. and the following members were present:

2. Roll Call

Present: Brian Rener, Co-Chair
 Jill Danly
 Nan Patterson
 Anne Sorensen
 Alexandra Walinskas

Absent: Marina Carney Puryear, Co-Chair
 Liz Leutwiler

Also Present: Jess Ray, Former Mayor of Mettawa, IL
 Jill Lenihan, Secretary of the Lake County Beekeepers Association
 Drew Irvin, Village Administrator
 Franco Bottalico, Administrative Intern

3. Approval of the June 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Member Sorensen moved to approve the June 29, 2016 SEC Meeting Minutes. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

4. Non-Agenda Items and Visitors

Co-Chair Rener stated the SEC allocates 15 minutes for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the SEC on any matter not listed on the agenda.

There were no requests to address the SEC.

5. Order of the Meeting

There were no requests to change the order of business.

6. General Business

A. A Discussion Regarding Local Beekeeping Regulations

Former Mayor of Mettawa, IL Jess Ray, introduced himself and his background regarding to beekeeping and his experience as Mayor in Mettawa, IL. Mr. Ray presented a PowerPoint slide show to the SEC regarding a background and overview on: the importance of bees; different variety of bees and their roles; their tendencies; and basic apiary setups. At the end of his presentation, Mr. Ray opened the floor for

questions and comments from the SEC.

Member Danly inquired on the requirements to becoming a certified beekeeper. Jill Lenihan suggested contacting the Lake County Beekeepers Association, the Garfield conservatory in Chicago, IL, and the Illinois State Beekeepers Association for classes to learn more about best practices. Jill Lenihan stated that the Illinois State Beekeepers association offers a section on their website on how to register one's beehive.

Member Sorensen inquired on the density of hives in certain areas and what are the impacts of pesticides to the bees. Mr. Ray stated neonicotinoids and herbicides have been mentioned but not directly addressed in recent beekeeping practices. Jill Lenihan recommended there should be enough space between beehives since bees can travel up to 2 miles from their hive. Mr. Ray recommended proper regulations on a Village's ordinance based on square footage is a good start.

Mr. Ray added that bees can also forage on plants and trees in addition to flowers.

Co-Chair Renner inquired if a beehive became damaged, threatened, or disturbed, is there a recommended distance or radius on how far away to stay away from the damaged, threatened or disturbed hive. Mr. Ray advised if the beehive becomes destroyed the bees will become a swarm and begin to look for a new hive elsewhere. In regards to the bees as a threat to a person(s) it is recommended that if a hive becomes aggressive, that hive should be destroyed, and to keep a distance of a minimum of ten feet from the bees.

Member Walinkas inquired on how dangerous are beestings to children. Mr. Ray advised he is not a medical doctor but is aware that people who have been stung previously become more allergic to bees. Mr. Ray recommended not to place a beehive near a sidewalk in the path of the bees, and to place the hive near a fence to direct the bee's path to fly in an up-and-over flight pattern from the hive's entrance.

Mr. Ray provided a sample of honey from his apiaries for the SEC Members. He advised the taste is different than store brand honey due to it being in natural form and not artificially produced from out of the country as you may find in certain honey brands at a retail store.

VA Irvin asked how he will process this honey. Mr. Ray states he will remove top layer of wax from honey, then place it in a centrifuge to separate the honey. From there a strainer will be used to make sure no wax is in the honey.

The SEC members thanked Mr. Ray and Jill Lenihan for their time.

VA Irvin advised on the next meeting as another educational dialogue regarding beekeeping. He stated this will help the SEC decide if they want to develop a pilot program on beekeeping to be tested for a period of time before the Village Board of Trustees consider it on a permanent basis.

B. A Continued Discussion Regarding the Prioritization of Goals/Tasks

VA stated the goals/tasks list has been clustered together based on guidance from the last meeting. He stated he would like to see how these goals/tasks may fit in a sustainability

plan for the SEC. He presented baseline data on the Village for the SEC to review and facilitate a discussion on putting together a sustainability plan. He recommended the SEC agree on the right scale and scope of goals/tasks, and ones in which are appropriate for the Village.

Co-Chair Renner commented on how he sees the goals/tasks on a much broader scale as opposed to a micro-scale. A discussion ensued on the Village's capabilities of reaching goals/tasks and reaching out to the community. VA Irvin advised on the option of holding meetings at different dates/locations as a method of going to the public and encourage participation.

The SEC expressed their satisfaction and approval of the revised and condensed Goals/Tasks list.

Member Danly advised she would like to take further time to review the lists and sustainability plan, and discuss this at a later time when all Members are present. The SEC Members agreed with Member Danly.

C. A Discussion Regarding the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' "Greenest Region Compact 2"

VA Irvin advised he was asked by Member Danly why Lake Bluff is not part of the Greenest Region Compact 2 (GRC2). VA Irvin gave a brief background on the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and how Lake Bluff is involved with their organization; however, VA Irvin noted that Lake Bluff is not a member of the GRC2. In addition, he stated on how adopting the resolution by the Village Board of the Trustees can serve as a pledge of support to participate in the regional sustainability plan as well as a tool of guidance for the SEC when developing its own sustainability plan. The GRC2 can also provide positive recognition for the Village by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

A discussion ensued on existing sustainability Goals/Tasks related projects that the Village has recently pursued with the help of the SEC. VA Irvin discussed how the Village recently adopted Commonwealth Edison's LED street lighting based on the SEC's recommendation.

VA Irvin updated the SEC on several different projects the Village is currently working on regarding household waste and recycling efforts.

A discussion ensued regarding the GRC2 and how it will benefit the Village. After a brief discussion and a review of the resolution, Member Danly motioned to recommend the Village Board of Trustees endorse the GRC2. Member Sorenson seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

7. Village Staff Report

VA Irvin advised of the upcoming meeting and the new speakers.

8. Member's Report

Due to Member Walinskas' departure of the Committee, she thanked the SEC and VA Irvin for this opportunity. VA Irvin stated that Village President O'Hara wants to formally thank Member Walinskas for her service on the SEC at an upcoming Village Board meeting.

9. Co-Chair's Report

The Co-Chairs had nothing to report.

10. Adjournment

As no further business came before the SEC, Co-Chair Sorensen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Member Danly seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Drew Irvin
Village Administrator