

**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
JULY 8, 2021**

Members Present: Angela Churchill, Tom Galante, Heather Goudreau, Lee Haggas, Laura Miller Hill, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Callie Ramirez, Michael Stroud.

Members Absent: Kathy Brens, Elli Chivari, Ryan Johnson, Daniella Taylor.

Others Present: Marcelline D'Argento, Ryan Myers.

Visitors Present: None.

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was convened by Chair. Nagy at 7:03 p.m.

2. Introduction of Visitors, Comments and Concerns

None.

3. Minutes Review and Approval

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the June 10, 2021, Natural Resources Commission [NRC] meeting. Motion by Comm. Galante, second by Comm. Miller Hill to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:04 p.m.

4. Old Business

None.

5. New Business

None.

6. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee

Comm. Myers noted there is an upcoming virtual event regarding the 2021 Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region which will be held on July 13th. If possible, Comm. Myers encouraged all members of the NRC to attend. A copy of the event information is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

B. Langum Woods Clean-Up Committee

None.

C. Community Sustainability Committee

Comm. Goudreau reported a presentation for the community regarding dark skies will be held at the Clarke Environmental location in St. Charles in late August or September 2021.

D. Single-Use Bag Committee

Chair. Nagy reported coordination on this issue continues between St. Charles and Batavia, although participation by the city of Geneva is uncertain. There is a new sponsor for the proposed bill in the Illinois General Assembly, but the bill is inactive at this time.

E. Greenest Region Compact Committee

Comm. Myers asked the Commissioners review the summary of items identified by the GRC Committee and select something of interest to be discussed at the August NRC meeting. Comm. Myers noted participation in Cool Communities is listed on the summary, and requested that information be obtained on how to participate if anyone is interested in this item. Additionally, the Commissioners discussed connecting bike paths and pedestrian safety with regard to the Mobility section, and how many GRC items the NRC should focus on at this time.

F. Urban Forestry Management Plan

Chair. Nagy stated the Urban Forestry Management Plan [UFMP] was developed for city-owned trees, but can also be an advisory resource for residents. Chair. Nagy proposed including tree list for residents with recommended species for planting, species to plant with caution and trees that are not recommended for planting. Comm. Myers noted information for residents on planting locations and methods could also be included in the updated UFMP. Additionally, the Commissioners discussed ways other municipalities review and monitor landscape plans for commercial developments and homeowners' associations; possibly working with local nurseries to distribute tree recommendations mentioned above to shoppers; and additional education for residents regarding proper tree mulching.

7. Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports

Motion to approve and place into the public record the Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for the month of June 2021. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Goudreau to approve the reports. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:41 p.m.

8. Additional Items

A. Commissioners

None.

B. City Staff

None.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Churchill, second by Comm. Goudreau to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:45 p.m.