MEETING MINUTES
Evanston Environmental Board
Thursday, June 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, 2100 Ridge, Room #2404

Members Present: Cherie Leblanc-Fisher, Jerri Garl, Wendy Pollock, Noreen Edwards, Linda Young, Tom Klitzkie

Members Absent: Scott Osborne, Michael Kormanik, Christopher Kucharczyk, Sarah Liddell

Staff Present: Paul D’Agostino, Leslie Perez

Guests: Jeff Coney

Presiding Member: Wendy Pollock

1. Declaration of Quorum
   W. Pollock called meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and a quorum was established.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from May
   N. Edwards motioned to accept amended minutes, T. Klitzkie seconded, all approved

3. Public Comment
   J. Coney, a 29 year resident of Evanston, presented his vision of the Harley Clarke property which would include the demolition of Harley Clarke Mansion and restoration of the property to a natural area and/or park. He explained that it is too costly to renovate the property and in light of the current financial problems facing the City, he doesn’t feel the City would divert money for such a project. N. Edwards requested having this item formally added to this agenda. W. Pollock and the Board agreed to add the item for discussion at the end of the agenda.

4. Staff Updates/Questions
   A. Rescheduling of CARP public meeting to be hosted by EEB
      P. D’Agostino suggested a more definitive CARP public meeting date be established and proposed at a future meeting.

   B. Status, Impact of stations on south end of Ladd Arboretum and Shore School property
      P. D’Agostino updated the Board on the Shore School property and Ladd Arboretum. The City has successfully removed asbestos from the property and will
proceed to demolish the building. He reports that until the demolition is completed and the City starts connecting pipe lines that any work on the south end of the Ladd Arboretum will take place in August or September.

C. Questions regarding 2019 Budget process
P. D’Agostino reports Dutch Elm Disease Control has been removed from the Budget cut list.

5. Unfinished Business
A. Report on street light survey results
N. Edwards reports on the results from the street light survey.

B. Recommendation to staff and City Council: Consider light pollution and energy efficiency in decisions regarding street lighting. Draft memo for action
The Board discussed a draft memo regarding the street light survey. The Board recommended postponing any action on the draft memo and adding item to future meetings.

C. Update on divestment from investments in fossil fuels
Continued

6. New Business
A. Amend tree ordinance to immediately increase fee for tree removal and create mechanism for automatic increases in future
W. Pollock suggested that $150 tree removal fee language be removed from City Code. P. D’Agostino reminded the Board that this fee is rarely charged in any tree preservation permits that are issued by the Forestry Department. This is mainly due to the fact that a majority of tree preservation permits involve excavation in the parkways for general utilities work. W. Pollock suggests having this item noted as discussed by the Board.

B. Harley Clarke Discussion
N. Edwards discussed the option of demolishing Harley Clarke and restoring the property to green space. She walked the area and noted that there are four parks in and around the Harley Clarke mansion. Lawson Park (Noah’s Playground), North East Park (Animal Shelter, Grassy Area), Lighthouse Landing Park (Harley Clarke, Bathrooms, Beach, Grassy Area) and Gross Point Lighthouse Park (Lighthouse, Keeper’s house, two fog houses). She suggested that the City use any money raised by community groups be used to demolish Harley Clarke in order to create new green space. J. Garl stated that this discussion would have benefitted from having input from the opposing groups. She stated that it’s not the place of the Board to advocate the demolishing of any building. She believes that both viewpoints should be presented to the Board for discussion. J. Garl proposes the Board affirm its position of neutrality on the subject of the demolition of any building.

T. Klitzkie is concerned with the proposed artificial turf for the fields for the new Robert Crown project. He believes the artificial turf would not provide any permeable surface and causes water runoff issues.
7. Adjournment
   C. Leblanc-Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting, J. Garl seconded. W. Pollock adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Next Meeting – Thursday, August 9, 2018