Chairman Reynolds called the EQC meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Terrace Conference Room at the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane.

The following Members were in attendance: Jeremy Reynolds, Mike Beeftink, Scott Robson, Dale Duda, and Rebecca Lee. A full quorum was met.

Also Present: Deputy Public Works Director Matt Morrison

Members absent: Brian Bruce

Minutes

Minutes of the August 15, 2019 meeting were approved on a voice vote.

Hear from the Audience

There were no comments under hear from the audience.

Old Business

Neonicotinoid Pesticides Educational Materials

Deputy Director Morrison provided copies of the neonicotinoid pesticide educational materials that were updated based on the Commission’s comments at the August meeting. The Commission reviewed the content again with a suggestion to increase the font of the title. The Commission unanimously recommended providing the educational materials to the Village Board.

Monarch Conservation Plan

The Commission reviewed the Village of Glenview’s draft Monarch Conservation Plan. The history on how the plan was developed was discussed as well as what the Village of Northbrook may wish to do. The Commission discussed the development of a plan vs. identifying action items and taking on various projects. The Commission agreed continuing to support Monarch butterflies is important and that supporting the planting of milkweed should continue. Chairman Reynolds stated that he would check with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago to see what if any programs or grants they may have for encouraging pollinator habitat. Commissioner Duda stated she would speak with the Park District, and Commissioner Robson stated she would speak with ComEd. Deputy Director Morrison stated he would speak with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus about currently open programs or grants for encouraging Monarch and pollinator habitat.

New Business

Goals for Fiscal Year 2020/21
Deputy Director Morrison stated that the Environmental Quality Commission has been asked to review the GRC2 and make a recommendation to the Village Board as part of the Fiscal Year 2020/21 Budget. The Commission discussed areas where they may like to focus. The Commission discussed the different goals and determined that each Commissioner would prepare a list of 5 prioritized goals for the October meeting.
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Commissioner Duda stated that she attended a presentation at the Library on native landscaping that is replacing lawns and traditional gardens. Commissioner Duda stated that there were three more weeks of the Farmers Market. Commissioner Duda also stated that she enjoyed the Friday Night Flights event held at the Techny Prairie Fields.

Commissioner Robson stated that he also attended the Garden Club Presentation and it was informative. Mr. Robson stated the presenter emphasized working with what is available in terms of soils and existing plants and incorporating the cultivars that are related. Commissioner Robson also mentioned the presenter's comments about adding native plantings to lawns as a positive change in people’s views.

Mr. Morrison provided an update on House Resolution 763 which had not had any actions taken on it. Deputy Director Morrison stated that the following Monday that the Village would be interviewing candidates for the GRCorps position and that person would be on board in October. Mr. Morrison also reminded everyone of the Drive Electric event at Northbrook Court. Mr. Morrison also provided a draft of the sustainability article for the October Newsletter.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the EQC is scheduled for October 17, 2019.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Figge made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Commissioner Beeftink. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matt Morrison
Liaison