

Ecology Board Meeting minutes, Nov. 19, 2012

In attendance: Karen Cohen, Marie Smith, Tom Pliske, Richie Strassberg

Also: Commissioners Barbara Watts, Roxanne Ross

Minutes of Sept. 24 meeting were approved  
The October 22 meeting was canceled

Commissioner Watts discussed with the Board Earth Hour, scheduled for March 23, 2012, at 8:30 p.m., a challenge to communities to increase their green awareness. This would be an opportunity for the Village to join with other communities to emphasize our willingness to conserve on the use of electricity. One suggestion was made: getting in touch with FPL to see if the streets lights could be lowered for the event; also, the use of candles.

Commissioner Watts also discussed the tree resolution and the Australian Pines issue, suggesting that the board that the "historic pines" be specifically singled out and referred to as being protected. The board said that the pines were included in the resolution already passed recommending that the village care for and maintain the canopy, and that the issue had already been addressed. Ecology board Chair Cohen said that the board would follow the scientific research on the Australian Pines issue, as per the Ecology Board's parameters.

Commissioner Ross spoke to the board about a resident's complaint against the noise level in the Village. A discussion followed about how the level of noise could be brought down by a tax incentive, the use of non-electric push mowers, and the possibility of a noise ordinance that would apply during daylight hours.

Winterfest was discussed along with ideas for a recycling display. Each member would be responsible for items exhibited. Marie would obtain recycling information, Karen would come up with a mascot, Richie came up with some excellent mascot names: Curby, Phil Up, and Tom said he could come up with some ground covers and obtain plants.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Note: Meeting notes taken by Marie Smith, with some additions by Karen Cohen