

**PROPERTY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2014**

Present: Acting Chair and Village Board liaison Chester Pojack; Member Eric McFadden; Staff liaison Steve Kalish, staff members Raquel Becerra, Tom Bialas, and Mark Herman.

Acting Chairman Chester Pojack called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

**Minutes**

January 22, 2014 minutes were approved.

**Discussion Items**

Discussion by Steve Kalish about holiday and seasonal lighting and decorations. The Village Ordinance (11-6-4) requires decorations to be removed 14 days after the holiday or celebration, with Christmas decorations and lights to be down by April 1 the following year. Failure to do so would result in a \$200 ticket and a possible fine of \$750-\$1,000. Due to the severe weather staff suggested extending the April 1 deadline. Usually staff will give one warning and allow 3 to 5 days for compliance before writing a ticket. Upon discussion it was decided that the deadline should not be extended, but that staff could give a 7 day warning (thus allowing property owners a weekend) to remove the decorations. Staff also clarified that certain homeowners associations may require decorations to be removed quicker, but that staff can only enforce the Village Code and not homeowner association's rules.

Discussion by Tom Bialas about the Adopt-a-Street program. The idea to bring back this program was from Trustee Light and Village Administration staff has done most of the work on the program. Currently the Village has an Adopt-a-Park program, and the Junior Women's Club cleans up President Street twice a year. The new Adopt-a-Street program would target certain groups, such as the Boy Scouts, that would be interested in this type of volunteer work. The Property Enhancement Committee would serve as a ruling body for the program, and would review and approve or deny applications. After the PEC would approve an application the Parks Department would manage the actual clean up. Staff also clarified that this program would only involve clean up of the parkway areas and not involve any clean up on private property. Upon discussion it was felt that this item should be further reviewed by the PEC at the next meeting.

**Items Raised by Committee and staff**

Discussion by Raquel Becerra about adding an item to next month's agenda about a bill pending in the Illinois General Assembly to end the Crime Free Rental program. (Click [here](#) to track the status of the SB3299).

Eric McFadden asked about the status of the former Dominick's building. Raquel stated that there is a good prospect but cannot go into more detail at the moment.

Raquel Becerra also provided an update about Bucky's Express, a new car wash, gas station, and convenience store which would occupy the vacant restaurant site on North Avenue, east of Glen Ellyn Road. Bucky's Express Car Wash project has been approved by the Village Board, and the applicant recently closed on the purchase of the necessary properties.

**Next Meeting:** April 23, 2014 at 6:30 PM

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.