



AGENDA

Environmental Commission

Commissions Room

Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

September 10, 2024

7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 11th, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gasoline Powered Leaf Blower Ban

B. Landfill Diversion & Educational Materials

C. Sustainability Plan

D. 2024 Commission Goals

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from June 11, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Eisenhardt

Not Present

Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara
Commissioner O'Brien

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sawyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024, Environmental Commission meeting as amended. Commissioner Skrudland seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

Old Business

A. Gas Powered Leaf Blower Bans

The Chair discussed list of positives and negatives of a gas-powered leaf blower ban from Commissioner Jaeschke. Commissioner Skrudland then showed additions that she had created for the pros on the list and studies corresponding to those items.

Chair Jordan stated she had recently spoken to Trustee Dunnington, who said the initial interest in the topic at the Village Board level was due to noise complaints. Commissioner Sawyer asked for the current Village noise regulations, which the Liaison agreed to send to the group. Commissioner Jaeschke stated that the main issue for residents was noise, which was related to 2-cycle engines and any regulations should include any equipment with a similar engine.

The Chair asked if the list format would be adequate for submittal to the Village Board. Commissioners Sawyer and Flores agreed that written paragraphs for each point would be better. Chair Jordan asked each Commissioner to review the updated list and make any additions or corrections to compile a final report at the next meeting.

B. Sustainability Plan

Chair Jordan told the Commission that the Village staff committee tasked with writing a plan would be meeting this week. She had provided relevant information with the

head of the staff committee and offered any assistance the Commission could provide.

C. Landfill Waste Diversion

Discussion centered with the topic of single-use plastic reduction. The Chair asked the Commission to begin writing a report for the Village Board with the information on reducing use of single-use plastics in businesses in the Village. While discussing the benchmarking of local communities' approaches to the topic, the Commissioners agreed to put that information in an appendix or as a separate report to be referenced as available as needed.

Commissioner Flores reminded the group that he had gathered videos and social media posts about proper recycling and waste reduction. He agreed to send the information to Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara.

D. Commission Goals

The Commission reformatted their goals for the year:

- Single-use plastic reduction
- Landfill diversion through education on recycling
- Increasing composting participation
- Natural landscapes
- Pedestrian access

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on July 9th.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Skrudland to adjourn. Commissioner Eisenhardt seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.