



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Buechner Room

December 19, 2018
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 09/25/18
- B. Minutes from 11/27/18

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Reusable Shopping Bags
- B. Items/Projects for 2019

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 09/25/18

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
September EC minutes	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from September 25, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Thompson
Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk

Not Present

Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner McVay
Commissioner Balga

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SAWYER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2018, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

A. Reusable Shopping Bags

The Liaison shared that over 230 pounds of plastic bags and film had been collected for recycling at the Village sites so far. There was discussion about where additional collection bins could be placed.

Commissioner Balga was not present to disclose which slogan had finished first in the poll he had created

VI. New Business

A. Recycling Program Concerns

The Commission read memos from staff regarding the market slump in recycling prices. Contamination of recycling is also making it difficult to find buyers for the materials. The Liaison stated that two multi-family properties had called recently with concerns after their haulers began charging fees to take contaminated recycling containers. Commissioner Sawyer said that this situation made the need for education

of proper recycling even more crucial. Commissioner Malik asked if action was needed from the Commission, the Liaison said not at this time. Commissioner Malik then stated the Village Ordinance requiring recycling programs at multi-family properties may need to be suspended or rescinded if the challenges continue.

B. Recycling Display at the Library

Chair O'Brien thanked Commissioners Malik and Jordan for creating the recycling display for the Library. The other Commissioners in attendance agreed. Commissioner Malik said he had received positive feedback from several residents. There was discussion about where to move the display next, and it was agreed that Village Hall would be a good choice.

VII. Other Business

The Liaison reminded the group that a Document Destruction Event was scheduled at Arlington Park on October 13th.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on October 23, 2018.

VIII. Adjournment

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAWYER, AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Item: Minutes from 11/27/18

Department: HHS

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
November EC minutes	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from November 27, 2018**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Balga
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner McVay

Not Present

Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk
Commissioner Malik

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER McVAY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 23, 2018, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

IV. Reports

Commissioner Balga said he had contacted several residential solar panel companies to ask about power generation. He was having difficulty in getting answers from national firms.

V. Old Business

A. Reusable Shopping Bags

Commissioners McVay and Balga brought examples of reusable bags and pricing before the Commission. Heat welded bags ranged from \$.80-\$.90 per bag depending on size and thickness. The stitched bag with grommets provided was \$1.27 while a larger stitched bag was \$1.60 per bag. All bags came in quantities of 100 with printing on both sides and no rigid bottom. The Commissioners agreed that the stitched bag with grommets was the preferred style. There was a discussion about where to distribute the bags once delivered; the Village Spring Sweep event was selected. Commissioners were asked to bring ideas for a logo or graphic to print on the bags at the next meeting.

B. Recycling Display

Commissioner Jordan said the recycling display had been installed on the first floor of the Village Hall. It was going to be in the display case until the new year. The Commission thanked her for the work.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Jordan began listing some ideas for possible topics of discussion for 2019. These included: a plastic bag ban, electric vehicle charging stations in Village parking lots, how to increase participation in curbside and restaurant composting programs. Commissioner Thompson said he would like to discuss environmental awards for businesses with beneficial environmental programs. Commissioner McVay thought solar trash compactor bins in the downtown would be a good topic. Commissioner Balga wanted to educate consumers and restaurants about reducing styrofoam and drinking straw use. Chair O'Brien thought promoting residential solar panels and promoting environmental initiatives underway in the Village should be included, while Commissioner Sawyer said the Village should promote energy savings programs from local utilities.

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Balga said he had made contact with the Army Reserve base in the Village and they would provide a tour of their solar panel installation during business hours. It was agreed to wait for warmer weather to take the tour.

Commissioner Sawyer showed the group a wattage detector he had checked out at the library. It measured energy use in items plugged into the detector.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on December 19, 2018.

VIII. Adjournment

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER McVAY TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SAWYER AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.