



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60005
December 8, 2016
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 9/22/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Plastic Shopping Bag Recycling

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 9/22/16

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ATTACHMENTS:

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from September 22, 2016**

I. Call to Order

The Commission agreed to appoint Commissioner McVay as Acting Chair for the meeting. Acting Chair McVay called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Acting Chair McVay
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner O'Brien
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk

Absent

Commissioner Medhat
Commissioner Barry

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Malik and approved by unanimous consent.

The minutes of the February 9, 2016, meeting could not be approved as a quorum of attending members was not present.

Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk introduced himself to the group, and was welcomed by the other Commissioners.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

A. Commission Projects/Assignments

1. Public Outreach/ Business Recycling

Commissioner Jordan said she had contacted Wheeling Township about their newsletter. She was told that the Commission could provide information for publication, and the Township would include it if they had room. Commissioner Jordan had provided information to the Township about the Village rain barrel program.

2. Plastic Shopping Bag Ban/Recycling

Commissioner Malik had contacted the City of Evanston and discussed their plastic shopping bag ban. It required retailers of 10,000 square feet or more to not provide single-use shopping bags or charge patrons for the bags. Evanston had

partnered with TREX to offer drop-off sites for plastic bags in several locations in the city. The city website had a large number of informational pages to educate residents about the plastic shopping bag ban and the reasons behind it. The Commissioners agreed that a ban would be better than a fee, but there was disagreement on whether the Village Board would support a plastic bag ban.

3. Spring Sweep Event

After discussion, it was agreed that the Commission could help run the annual Spring Sweep event, but would not be able to completely take over the event management.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

The Commission discussed the number of Village households having twice per week refuse service and those participating in the curbside food scrap program.

It was decided to skip an October meeting in favor of working at the Village's document destruction event on October 22nd.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, and approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.