



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Virtual Meeting

November 19, 2020
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Commission meeting is closed to in-person, public attendance. The meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from October 22, 2020

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solar Panels

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Goals for Upcoming Year

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Notice

Department: Village Clerk

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Item: Minutes from October 22, 2020

Department: Health and Human Services

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Minutes from October 22, 2020	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
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Minutes from October 22, 2020**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and explained that due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the meeting is being held virtually.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Balga
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Neacy

Not Present

Commissioner McVay
Commissioner Thompson

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Melissa Cayer, Resident
Keith Moens, Resident

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2020, Environmental Committee meeting. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion: Passed Ayes: Jordan, Sawyer, O'Brien, Malik, Balga.

IV. Reports

Chair O'Brien introduced Lucy Neacy, the new Youth Commissioner. Youth Commissioner Neacy explained her desire to serve the Village and enthusiasm for environmental issues. The other Commissioners all introduced themselves and welcomed the new member.

V. Old Business

A. Solar Panel Installation

Commissioner Balga said he had expanded his rooftop solar installation in the spring. He also found a solar installation company in Colorado that provides a better model for residents to use to estimate their potential electrical generation.

Chair O'Brien and Commissioner Balga reported that they had attended a public meeting with Clearview Solar company in the previous month.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Balga said he had received a letter regarding the new electrical aggregation program in the Village providing green energy. Commissioner Jordan stated there had been issues with the supplier in a one year trial, so the Village Board opted to go with another supplier for the new contract. Commissioner Balga thought the letters that had been sent to residents weren't clear. Commissioner Jordan replied that if anyone is approached with questions they should be referred to the Village web site, where there is more information. Commissioner Sawyer thought the letters regarding the aggregation program should have been reviewed by some Commissions to make sure they were clear. Commissioner Balga asked the Liaison to make sure the civic contribution from the supplier was still available for use on environmental projects.

There was discussion about how the pandemic has shifted consumer trends and the economy so that single-use plastic bags and foam food take-out containers were more prevalent. This made bans or taxes on these items potentially unpalatable for citizens and businesses.

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Jordan stated that the display case at the library was scheduled to have been used by the Commission in May, but had to be postponed due to the pandemic. She also said that Commissioners should begin compiling a list of goals for the new year.

Chair O'Brien stated that he will be stepping down as Chair, and asked another Commissioner to volunteer to take the position.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to adjourn. Commissioner Jordan seconded the Motion. The Motion: Passed Ayes: Jordan, Sawyer, O'Brien, Malik, Balga.

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