



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Hts Rd AH, IL 60005
November 19, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from September 24, 2019

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solar Panel Installation
- B. Tree Issues

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rain Barrels
- B. New Construction

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Environmental Commission
11/19/2019

Item: Minutes from September 24, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from September 24, 2019	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from September 24, 2019**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair O'Brien
Commissioner Balga
Commissioner Thompson
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk
Commissioner McVay

Not Present

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Mary Anne O'Toole, Resident
Melissa Cayer, Resident

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SAWYER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2019, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. Reports

Chair O'Brien discussed the solar panel ribbon-cutting ceremony he attended at Toyoda, along with Commissioners Balga and Sawyer. He was impressed that the return on investment is projected at three years. Commissioner Balga commented that the company was able to use four different incentive programs, while residential properties have access to only two. Commissioner Jordan said the Village could use some of the money from the electrical aggregation agreement to install solar panels on public buildings. Commissioner Balga agreed to find out what incentives would be available to the Village to help with the costs of installing solar panels.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

Commissioner Jordan reminded the group that the Village Manager had asked for input on spending the civic contribution money on environmental projects. Commissioners thought increased recycling education, solar power for Village buildings, increased oversight of public tree plantings, expanding composting options for residents, and additional street recycling containers would all be good projects. The Chair asked Commissioners to think of projects and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

VII. Other Business

Mary Anne O'Toole introduced herself to the Commission as a Treekeeper. She explained there is a group of Treekeepers in Arlington Heights wanting to assist the Village in extending the lifespan of trees. She stated that the average lifespan of a street tree in the Village is only 7 years, mainly due to improper planting and mulching. Some of this was due to the Forestry Division of Public Works being understaffed and unable to supervise new plantings. The Treekeepers are hoping to have the Environmental Commission assist them in educating the public about tree care and improving the health of public trees. Commissioner Malik said that if the money spent on replacing trees and the planted tree mortality rate could be calculated it would help in making the case for more oversight in plantings. Commissioner McVay agreed to contact Public Works to obtain the budget for planting and removing public trees.

The Liaison informed the Commissioners that a Document Destruction Event was scheduled for October 12th at Arlington Park and that volunteers would be appreciated.

Commissioner Balga said he thought the Commission should seek public input on topics to discuss. Commissioner Jordan said a display at the Library could ask for public input.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2019.

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 8:22 pm.