



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
September 26, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 8/17/17

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Plastic Recycling

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Refuse Collection Program

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 8/17/17

Department: hs

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

August EC minutes

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Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from August 17, 2017**

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 7:00pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Malik to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016, meeting, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Reports

Commissioner Balga introduced himself to his fellow Commissioners and explained his background and interest in environmental matters.

V. Old Business

Plastic Shopping Bag Ban/Recycling

Commissioner Malik informed the Commission he had contacted Trex, a plastic film recycling company. Evanston had partnered with Trex to offer drop-off sites for plastic bags in several locations in the city, and the company said they could do the same in Arlington Heights. The collection bins are provided by Trex and the program is free. He said Village staff would need to collect the bags and then transport them to a local retail store that is also participating in the program, either Jewel or Mariano's, who would then transport the bags to Trex for recycling. If the bags are weighed, Trex will provide a free recycled bench after 600 pounds are collected. The Liaison agreed to approach his superiors about the program.

Acting Chair McVay said the Commission should consider implementing an educational campaign about reducing plastic shopping bag use and recycling, since a Village ban or tax on plastic bags seemed unlikely. She agreed to get a price quote on re-usable shopping bags. The group agreed the bags should be printed on one side and green. The Chair asked

Commissioners to come back to the next meeting with ideas on a slogan or logo for the bags.

Commissioner Sawyer said he had noticed many of his neighbors are putting plastic bags in their recycling carts, which disrupt the machinery at the material recovery facility. He suggested contacting Groot to see if they had stickers that could be placed on the carts, and the Commission could provide the labor in delivering the stickers. Commissioner Balga suggested doing one quadrant of the town at a time, so Groot could monitor the contamination levels by collection day to determine if the campaign was helping. The Commission asked the Liaison to contact Groot regarding this effort.

There was renewed discussion about the various types of local ordinances that ban or tax plastic shopping bags and their positives and negatives.

VI. New Business

The Commission reviewed the numbers of Village households having twice per week refuse service. They agreed to put this item on the next meeting's agenda so a recommendation could be made to the Village Board.

VII. Other Business

The Liaison stated the Commission's budget request had been submitted.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on September 26th.

The Liaison told the Commission a Document Destruction Event was scheduled for October 14th at Arlington Park.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.