



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Buechner Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, AH, IL 60005
August 20, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from May 21, 2019
- B. Minutes from June 18, 2019

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Solar Panel Installation
- B. Reusable Shopping Bag

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Environmental Commission
8/20/2019

Item: Minutes from May 21, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from May 21, 2019	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from May 21, 2019**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Not Present

Commissioner Malik

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Melissa Cayer, Arlington Heights resident
Sharon Durling, NIMEC

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2019 MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

IV. Reports

Commissioner Jordan distributed a draft of a letter to the Village Board asking for their support for the State-wide single-use bag tax. After discussion, it was decided to add a section in the letter about litter reduction.

Chair O'Brien also sent the Commission a letter he had written about electric car chargers and encouraging installation throughout the Village. Commissioner Jordan said an ordinance could be written requiring chargers in new residential multi-family developments, otherwise the Village could set a goal of a certain number of chargers installed by a certain year. Commissioner Sawyer thought the Village needed to think about having time limits in public spaces to prevent them from being used all day, and how much they should cost. The Chair agreed to make some changes to his letter and bring it back to the Commission.

VI. New Business

A. Electrical Aggregation

Sharon Durling of Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) gave a presentation to the Commission about electrical power aggregation for the Village. It

would allow the Village to purchase renewable energy credits for as much of the residential market as desired, while not causing an increase in costs or changes to billing and service. Several suburban communities have already signed agreements with NIMEC. Chair O'Brien asked what the Commission was being asked to do with the information? The liaison responded that staff was looking for a recommendation for the aggregation prior to the proposal going to the Village Board. Commissioner Sawyer said he would like to do some research on the proposal and take a vote at the next meeting. The other Commissioners agreed. Ms. Durling gave written information to the group and asked them to contact her with any questions.

VII. Other Business

Chair O'Brien said he had been contacted by the Village Manager for a list of priorities for the Commission in the upcoming 2 years. The list was to be forwarded to the Board. He said he would like to work on reducing Styrofoam use in the Village and asked the group to bring ideas to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.



Environmental Commission
8/20/2019

Item: Minutes from June 18, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from June 18, 2019	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from June 18, 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 McVay
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner McVay
Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk

Not Present

Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Thompson

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Frank Perrotta, Arlington Heights resident
Jonathan Perrotta, Arlington Heights resident
Sharon Durling, NIMEC

III. Approval of Minutes

No minutes could be approved at this meeting.

IV. Reports

Commissioner Jordan distributed a second draft of a letter to the Village Board asking for their support for the State-wide single-use checkout bag tax. The State Senate has passed the bill, and is awaiting action in the House. Commissioner McVay asked how checkout bags were defined and whether the tax would apply to prescription bags and similar smaller bags. Commissioner Balga stated that studies have shown that taxes of \$.05 or higher were enough to change behavior.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BALGA TO RECOMMEND THE VILLAGE BOARD SEND A LETTER ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO PASS THE SINGLE USE CHECKOUT BAG TAX, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MALIK. THE MOTION PASSED.

AYES: O'BRIEN, JORDAN, BALGA, MALIK

NAYS: MCVAY

Chair O'Brien discussed e-mails he sent the Commission about electric car chargers and encouraging installation at Village facilities. He wanted to encourage the Village to install level two charges at Village parking lots and recommended them to other local agencies. Commissioner Jordan said the installation of chargers could be paid from the savings in the electrical aggregation plan being discussed. Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk said he had conducted a poll of high school students in town and 43% supported installing chargers. Commissioner McVay thought the stations should be installed in the hourly

spots, as opposed to all day commuter spots, so more residents could benefit. Commissioner Jordan thought this summer would be a great time to install the chargers since the Vail Street garage was under construction. The Chair agreed to send a message to the Director of Planning and the Village Manager offering his research and expertise in this area, and offer to attend meetings to encourage the charger installation.

VI. Old Business

A. Electrical Aggregation

The Chair reminded the Commission of the discussion at the May meeting regarding electrical power aggregation. Sharon Durling of Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC) stated that Orland Park had just joined the aggregation the day before and that the Village could qualify as an EPA Green Partner at 50% renewable energy. Residents will be notified of the new aggregation and be given an opportunity to opt-out. Commissioner Malik asked if there was enough renewable energy to provide credits for all the communities that wanted to join. Ms. Durling said yes. Commissioner McVay said she didn't see a down side to the plan. Commissioner Jordan stated that the purchase of renewable energy credits was the best way to create demand that will lead to more renewable energy infrastructure. Commissioner Balga said he would be in favor of purchasing 100% renewable energy.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN TO RECOMMEND TO THE VILLAGE BOARD THAT THE VILLAGE ENTER INTO A 1 YEAR CONTRACT WITH MC2 ENERGY SERVICES FOR ELECTRICAL ENERGY AGGREGATION, WITH 75% OF THE SAVINGS TO BE USED FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS AND 25% TO BE EARMARKED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT SUCH AS ELECTRICAL CAR CHARGES AT VILLAGE PARKING FACILITIES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MCVAY AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

VII. Other Business

Chair O'Brien said he wanted to discuss public installation of solar panels at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019.

VIII. Adjournment

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BALGA TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN. THE MOTION PASSED.

AYES: O'BRIEN, JORDAN, BALGA, MALIK

NAYS: MCVAY

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.