



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
August 17, 2017
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 12/8/16

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. New Projects/Initiatives

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 12/8/16

Department: hs

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

December EC minutes

Type

Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from December 8, 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 7:13 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Acting Chair McVay
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk

Absent

Commissioner Medhat
Commissioner Barry
Commissioner Jordan
Commissioner O'Brien

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2016, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Malik and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

Plastic Shopping Bag Ban/Recycling

Commissioner Sawyer said he had spoken to Village President Hayes regarding plastic shopping bags. President Hayes suggested the Commission should do research on bag bans and taxes before trying to write a model ordinance. He said the Commission should come before the Village Board with evidence an ordinance is needed and what it would accomplish, and the Board could then provide direction. Commissioner Sawyer also thought it would be better to wait until Chicago's new bag taxing ordinance took effect and investigate the results.

Commissioner Malik suggested contacting a plastic film recycling company in the interim, to inquire whether they could offer expanded film recycling in the Village as was done in the City of Evanston. Evanston had partnered with TREX to offer drop-off sites for plastic bags in several locations in the city. He agreed to contact a company about the program, and then approach the Village about possible drop-off locations.

Acting Chair McVay asked what happened while shopping in locations that had bans. Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk discovered that in California, shoppers needing a bag were given a re-usable bag and then charged for it.

VI. New Business

The Commission reviewed the numbers of Village households having twice per week refuse service and those participating in the curbside food scrap program. They agreed that twice per week collection was not needed, since only 8.6% of households were currently paying for the extra collection.

VII. Other Business

The Liaison stated the Commission's budget had been passed.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again in February.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.