



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room-33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005

June 11, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. May 21, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Gasoline Powered Leaf Blower Ban
- B. Landfill Diversion & Education
- C. Sustainability Plan
- D. 2024 Commission Goals

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes

Department: HHS

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Description

May 5th, Minutes

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Agreement

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from May 21, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner O'Brien
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Commissioner Skrudland

Not Present

Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Environmental Commission meeting as amended. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan

Chair Jordan asked if the Village Staff Committee had met. The liaison responded that it hadn't occurred yet, but a meeting date was being set. The Chair mentioned that she was collecting a packet of information the Commission had compiled to give to Staff to assist. Commissioner Sawyer stated he didn't want to overwhelm Staff with excessive detail. The Chair asked about what information should be forwarded? Commissioner Flores recommended forwarding the Commission's goals from last month. Commissioner Jaeschke suggested a broad outline based on the Greenest Region Compact focus areas. Commissioner Skrudland wanted to include a copy of the Mayor's Caucus plan template.

There was a continued description of the process Rolling Meadows had used to write their plan. Commissioner O'Brien noted that an update to that plan had been presented at a City Board Meeting earlier this month.

B. Landfill Waste Diversion

Discussion began with the topic of single-use plastic reduction. The Chair asked the Commission to discuss other communities that they had investigated.

-Commissioner Flores found that Northbrook implemented an ordinance this year regarding the use of plastic or paper bags. It affected all retail stores over 3,000

square feet and a fee of 10¢ per bag was imposed, with the proceeds to be split between the town and the store.

-Commissioner Skrudland reported that Oak Brook also had a fee on single-use bags of paper or plastic. It was for retail stores over 5,000 square feet and was also 10¢ with some exemptions. The City Hall was giving away shopping bags for residents to use. It was claimed that this reduced plastic bag use by over 75%, but she couldn't find a source for that claim.

-Commissioner Skrudland also stated that St. Charles had recently started a single-use bag fee of 10¢ for stores over 5,000 square feet.

-Commissioner Eisenhardt found an ordinance in Batavia that was similar to St. Charles, with 6¢ going to the town and 4¢ to the retailer per bag.

-Chair Jordan described a proposed State bill (HB448, SB 2211) that would prohibit single-use bags, with some exceptions, in any stores or businesses over 2,500 square feet.

Commissioner Jaeschke expressed a preference for a ban on bags instead of a tax, because the tax was equivalent to selling bags to customers. He also wanted to limit use of take-out food containers and plastic dishware. Chair Jordan asked if the Commission should focus on single-use bags or all single-use plastics? Commissioner O'Brien and Eisenhardt advocated to start with the bags, and other items could be added later. The Chair then asked the Commissioners to consider what recommendation they would present to the Board after compiling this information.

C. Commission Goals

Chair Jordan reminded the Commissioners of the goals set at the last meeting:

- Support of the development of a Village sustainability plan
- Single-use plastic bag ban
- Template for benchmarking green programs
- Researching gas powered leaf blower bans

D. Gas Powered Leaf Blower Bans

The Chair thanked Commissioner Jaeschke for writing a list of positives and negatives of a gas-powered leaf blower ban. She asked the Commission to review the list and make any additions or corrections for discussion at the next meeting. Commissioner Skrudland suggested organizing the list by topic.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

Commissioner Flores said he had a collection of videos on recycling and waste reduction that could be used for education.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on June 1th.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to adjourn. Commissioner Eisenhardt seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



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