



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd, 60005
May 9, 2023
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 11, 2023 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Climate Plans from Local Municipalities

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Publicizing Special Recycling Options

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights
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Minutes from April 11, 2023**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Not Present

Commissioner Eisenhardt
Youth Commissioner Neacy

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Flores seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

A. Climate Plans from Local Municipalities

Commissioners described the information they were able to find from other municipalities.

Commissioner Skrudland began by saying La Grange didn't have a sustainability plan, but did have a list of environmental measures and accomplishments in an annual report. Buffalo Grove had a large sustainability plan using the Greenest Region Compact (GRC) as a framework. Their plan is being updated and accomplishments publicized in an annual report.

Commissioner Flores said Northbrook shares a sustainability coordinator with the Park District, but their plan was created with two consultants. Their plan is published, with annual progress reports, but doesn't follow the GRC framework. Wilmette also shares a

sustainability coordinator with their Park District and published their report in 2021. No progress reports have been published.

Commissioner Jordan reported Oak Park had a large plan, with no staff coordinator. An carbon emission audit was published in 2019, but no updates are available. Their plan didn't reference the GRC. Naperville also has a large plan and have two staff sustainability coordinators. Their plan is based on GRC goals and was published in 2021 with no progress reports.

Chair O'Brien found that Deerfield followed the GRC goals in their plan that was clear and concise. No progress reports were available. Des Plaines had a goal to create a sustainability plan, but hadn't published one.

Commissioner Jaeschke looked at Lake County, which didn't have as many specific actions as municipalities since they had less direct authority. They have several older model ordinances and incentives for green initiatives. Sheboygan belonged to a group with 20 other surrounding communities that was similar to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and had published a plan with long term goals but no specific steps to reach those goals.

Commissioner Sawyer was working on his report, since he had missed the March meeting.

Commissioner Jordan read the information provided by Commissioner Eisenhardt. Evanston had no staff coordinator. A plan had been created in 2018 but no updates were available. Hoffman Estates also didn't have a staff sustainability coordinator, but had published their plan in 2019 in part with a grant from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus. The plan referenced annual updates, but none are available.

Commissioner Flores suggested contacting the towns that had robust plans to ask how they were created and how they were able to hire sustainability coordinators. Commissioner Skrudland thought being able to show a financial benefit from environmental initiatives would make it easier to justify a new position. Commissioner Jordan agreed to compile the information from the group into one document for review by the Village Board. Commissioner Jaeschke agreed, saying that Village staff wouldn't be able to complete the work. Commissioner Sawyer said the Northwest Municipal Conference or Metropolitan Mayors Caucus should have a sustainability coordinator so neighboring communities would have uniformity in their plans and shared goals.

VI. New Business

A. Publicizing Composting and Special Recycling Options

The Liaison explained that the new Village web site was still under construction, and the special collection materials would be listed there.

VII. Other Business

The Liaison told the Commission the Village was planning a ceremony to unveil the new car chargers in the Vail Street garage. Several Commissioners indicated they would attend.

Commissioner Jordan asked the Chair to invite the newly elected Trustees to the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan to adjourn. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



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