



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Health Services Conference Room
33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005
April 23, 2019
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from February 26, 2019

IV. REPORTS

- A. Projects from 2019

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Environmental Commission
4/23/2019

Item: Minutes from February 26, 2019

Department: Health & Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from February 26, 2019	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from February 26, 2019**

I. Call to Order

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Not Present

Commissioner McVay

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Amanda Moller, Arlington Green Drinks
Carolyn Reeder, Climate Reality Project
Jeff Meekoms, Climate Reality Project
Madhavi Sakuru, Climate Reality Project

III. Approval of Minutes

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2018, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

IV. Reports

Commissioner Jordan talked to the group about her research into a plastic bag tax or ban. She said Governor Pritzker proposed a .05 tax on plastic shopping bags for the entire State and that the Commission could wait to see if the proposal was passed into law. Commissioner Malik thought the Village should contact local legislators to encourage them to pass any law that was proposed. Commissioner Jordan then discussed a summary of the pros and cons of a tax versus a ban. There was a general discussion about the benefits of either approach.

Chair O'Brien discussed electric car chargers and the possibility of installing some on Village property. He said he would recommend using a third party to install them, since there would be no cost to the Village. It was noted that the School Districts began installing some charging points in their parking lots. Commissioner Jordan suggested contacting some of the charger companies for their marketing information to provide to the Village Board. The group then discussed using vehicle license or sticker prices to encourage residents to purchase electric vehicles.

Commissioner Balga talked about the interview he had conducted with the owner of Passero restaurant. The Commission was impressed with their environmental initiatives. He was also discussing a drinking straw ban with other restaurants.

Commissioner Sawyer stated that better education was needed about how to properly recycle, since contamination rates were so high.

Commissioner Balga shared that he was still talking to a residential solar installation company. He found a better contact at the company that was starting to give him financial information to help his research.

V. Old Business

A. Reusable Shopping Bags

The Commission needs to vote on a design and logo for their re-usable bag purchase.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

The guests introduced themselves to the Commission.

Chair O'Brien discussed his meeting with the Village Manager in January. He asked the Commissioners if they had any objections to the Village no longer paying for their services. Nobody objected.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.