



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Buechner Room
Village Hall
April 17, 2018
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from 9/26/17

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Plastic Bag Recycling

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from 9/26/17

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ATTACHMENTS:

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**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from September 26, 2017**

I. Call to Order

The Commission agreed to appoint Youth Commissioner Kowalczyk as Acting Chair for the meeting. Acting Chair Kowalczyk called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

II. Roll Call

Present

Acting Chair Kowalczyk
Commissioner Malik
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner McVay
Commissioner O'Brien
Commissioner Balga

Not Present

Commissioner Jordan

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Malik to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2017, meeting, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

Plastic Shopping Bag Recycling

Commissioner Malik informed the Commission that the Village Manager had approved placing plastic bag recycling stations in Village buildings. The Liaison said he had received permission to place containers in Village Hall, Public Works, and the Senior Center. Commissioner Malik agreed to contact Trex to arrange for the recycling containers and promotional materials. He also made arrangements with the manager of the Jewel on Vail Street to accept the bags collected by the Village for transportation to the recycling plant. There was discussion about other locations for the recycling containers, such as Park District buildings, the library, and Fire Stations. Commissioner O'Brien suggested evaluating success with initial three bins before arranging for additional sites.

Commissioner McVay said she received a price quote on re-usable shopping bags – printing on one side would be 75 cents per bag, printing on two sides would be \$1 per bag. The group agreed the bags should be printed on one side. After discussing several possible slogans to print on the bags, the Acting Chair asked Commissioners to come back to the next meeting with a preference.

The Commission observed a sticker that Groot had been placing on recycling carts to remind customers not to put plastic bags in recycling carts. Commissioner Sawyer said the Commission could provide the labor in delivering the stickers, if more stickers could be obtained. Commissioner Balga suggested having Groot monitor the material recovery facility to see if plastic bag contamination was reduced after the stickers were distributed. The Commission asked the Liaison to contact Groot regarding this effort.

VI. New Business

The Commission reviewed the number of Village households with twice per week refuse service. They agreed that from an environmental standpoint, it was not desirable to have twice per week collection, due to extra exhaust and traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to recommend to the Village Board that the Village no longer offer twice per week residential refuse collection, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Other Business

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on October 24, 2017.

The Liaison reminded the Commission a Document Destruction Event was scheduled for October 14th at Arlington Park.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.