



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

April 16, 2024
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. February 13th, 2024 Minutes

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sustainability Plan
- B. Landfill Diversion & Education

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Gasoline Powered Leaf Blower Ban
- B. 2024 Commission Goals
- C. Grant Applications and Recommended Goals

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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4/16/2024

Item: Minutes

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March 3rd, Minutes 2024

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Agreement

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from March 12, 2024**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Not Present

Commissioner Eisenhardt
Commissioner Skrudland
Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024, Environmental Commission meeting as amended. Commissioner Flores seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

The Chair informed the Commissioners that she had been appointed as Chair earlier in the month and thanked Commissioner O'Brien for his years of service as previous Chair.

V. Old Business

A. Sustainability Plan and Benchmarks

Commissioner Jordan stated Rolling Meadows recently published their sustainability plan at:

<https://www.cityrm.org/DocumentCenter/View/5033/SustainabiliyPlan>.

She had also contacted the Village Manager to offer the Commission's help in writing a plan for Arlington Heights and would also contact the staff Committee charged with that task. The attendees commended Commissioner Jaeschke for writing a plan outline/bullet points that could be used by staff to write the plan.

Commissioner Jaeschke asked the Commission to review his outline to make sure all agreed with it's statements. The group reviewed the outline. The Chair asked to add a green procurement program. The Commissioners agreed to emphasize education and promotion of clean power while approving of the document.

B. Landfill Waste Diversion

Chair Jordan gave the Commissioners the status and bill number for the single-use plastic bag ban at the State level. Commissioner Sawyer said the group should monitor progress on the bill since it would supersede any Village rule. He also stated that an educational campaign was needed for waste reduction and proper recycling.

VI. New Business

A. Commission Goals

Chair Jordan asked Commissioners for the goals for the year. The group came up with the following:

- More composting options
- Education on proper recycling
- Promoting alternative fuel vehicles (possibly with preferred parking spots)
- Installation of more electric vehicle charging
- 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

A motion was made by Commissioner Flores to focus on the following topics- sustainability plan, benchmark template and gas powered leaf blower bans. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair did encourage all Commissioners to think about adding another one or two topics at the next meeting.

B. Gas Powered Leaf Blower Bans

The Chair told the Commission that the Village Manager had asked for a list of pros and cons on a gas powered leaf blower ban due to resident requests. The City of Evanston recently passed such an ordinance. She asked the Commissioners to research the topic and bring their thoughts to the next meeting and to read a proposal at the State level at:

<https://ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=4805&GAID=17&DocTypeID=HB&LegID=152584&SessionID=112&SpecSess=&Session=&GA=103>

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



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