



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Virtual Meeting

February 25, 2021
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Commission meeting is being held virtually, which permits the public to fully participate via their computers or using their phones.**

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II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from January 28, 2021

IV. REPORTS

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solar Panel Installation
B. 2021 Goals/Projects

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Environmental Commission
2/25/2021

Item: Minutes from January 28, 2021

Department: Health and Human Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
Minutes from January 28, 2021	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from January 28, 2021**

I. Call to Order

Chair Balga called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and explained that due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the meeting was being held virtually.

II. Roll Call

Present

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

Not Present

Commissioner McVay

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Keith Moens, Resident

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jordan moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the Motion. The Motion: Passed Ayes: Jordan, Sawyer, O'Brien, Malik, Balga, Thompson.

IV. Reports

Commissioner Sawyer told the group he had spoken to a representative of the Park District who said that the District had hired a broker to investigate installing solar panels on two buildings. He was planning on speaking to ABT Electronics about their polystyrene recycling and if they would accept materials from a neighborhood collection.

V. Old Business

A. Solar Panel Installation

Chair Balga asked if the Commissioners had given thought to other public entities installing solar panels. There was a discussion that if public entities receive electrical power without charge, there isn't much incentive to install solar panels. Commissioner Jordan thought the Village could install panels on buildings like the parking garages or possibly the Senior Center. Commissioner O'Brien said the Public Works building would be good for panels, then suggested that the school districts could assist in installation and maintenance as training for students.

Youth Commissioner Neacy said the Village should publicize private and public solar installations so residents could see the benefits. Chair Balga agreed and stated the Commission should find a small project for a public building and champion the project for approval by the Village Board.

B. Goals for 2021

Commissioner Jordan suggested conducting a survey to determine what Village residents rate as their environmental priorities, such as the Village conducting a climate strategy. Youth Commissioner Neacy thought the Commission should develop a climate strategy with or without the survey support, as it was needed. There was a general discussion about what a survey should contain and how it would be conducted.

Commissioner Thompson discussed awards for restaurants that have undertaken good environmental practices. Since the pandemic has reduced most restaurants' ability to absorb extra costs, he felt the awards should start with a lower threshold for achievement.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

The Commission agreed to meet again on February 25th.

A motion was made by Chair O'Brien to appoint Commissioner Balga as Chair. Commissioner McVay seconded the Motion. The Motion: Passed Ayes: Jordan, Sawyer, O'Brien, Malik, Balga, Thompson, McVay.

VIII. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to adjourn. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion: Passed Ayes: Jordan, Sawyer, O'Brien, Malik, Balga, Thompson,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.