



Agenda  
Village of Arlington Heights  
Environmental Commission  
Commissions Room  
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH IL 60005  
January 22, 2020  
7:00 PM

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Minutes from November 19, 2019

**IV. REPORTS**

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Solar Panel Installation
- B. Tree Issues

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**VII. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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**Environmental Commission  
1/22/2020**

**Item:** Minutes from November 19, 2019

**Department:** Health & Human Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

| <b>Description</b>             | <b>Type</b> |
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| Minutes from November 19, 2019 | Minutes     |

**Village of Arlington Heights  
Environmental Commission  
Minutes from November 19, 2019**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present**

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

**Not Present**

**Also Present**

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison  
Mary Anne O'Toole, Resident  
Shawn Odneal, Sunrun  
Karen Mukhopadhyaya, Resident

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SAWYER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 24, 2019, MEETING, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THOMPSON AND APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.**

**IV. Reports**

**V. Old Business**

**A. Solar Panel Installation**

Mr. Odneal introduced himself as a representative of Sunrun, a residential solar panel installation company. He stated Illinois was on pace to be the second largest state for residential solar energy, after California, partially due to the high rates for electrical power. His company can install a solar power system without any money up front, the homeowner buys the power used from Sunrun who maintains ownership of the panels. The power charge can be either fixed or with a fee accelerator, depending on which package is chosen at installation. The panels can only be installed on a roof with asphalt shingles, an ownership would need to be transferred if the home sells. The Commission thanked Mr. Odneal for his time and answering their questions.

**B. Tree Issues**

Commissioner McVay share information she had received from the Director of Public Works, Scott Shirley, regarding the parkway tree program. The Village buys the trees through the Suburban Tree Consortium, and they are planted by Wilson Nurseries. There were 789 planted in 2018, compared to 200-300 per year before the emerald ash borers

became established in the Village. The annual budget for planting is \$150,000. Mr. Shirley also said that Public Works inspects every tree that is planted to make sure it is done correctly.

Ms. O'Toole showed the Commission burlap and plastic binding that she had removed from a tree planted for a private development earlier. She said that similar conditions could be found on trees planted for the Village, and that she had been told that Public Works staff don't inspect tree installation due to a lack of time. She thinks the planting of new trees needs more supervision. Commissioner Jordan said the Village might think the issue is more serious if the improper tree plantings could be shown to waste money. Commissioner Malik stated it should be possible to show the average life span of new trees versus what the life span of a parkway tree should be.

Chair O'Brien said that Ms. O'Toole's group should compile a list of questions they would like answered and forward them to the Commission. The Commission could then arrange a meeting with Public Works staff in February to get the answers. Ms. O'Toole agreed.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Rain Barrels**

Chair O'Brien asked if other Commissioners were interested in partnering with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District to offer rain barrels to residents. The other Commissioners were not in favor.

## **VII. Other Business**

Chair O'Brien asked if the newer Village buildings have been LEED certified. The Liaison answered no. Commissioner Malik said the certification is helpful in commercial properties to obtain tenants, but the certification didn't have much benefit for the Village.

Commissioner Jordan said she had obtained permission to use a display case on the Library's main floor in June and asked for other Commissioners to help design a display.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020.

## **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 8:26 p.m.