

AGENDA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
February 18, 2016
7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM 206

1. Consideration of Minutes of January 21, 2016

2. Public Comment

3. Energy Assessment Program

4. Water Assessment Program

5. Other Items for Discussion
 - a. Possible Earth Day Events – Saturday, April 23
 - b. Prescription Drug Disposal Program

6. Next Meeting Date and Time – March 17

**MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
January 21, 2016**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, at 7:00 PM in the Community Conference Room 206. Chairman Don Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were:

Present:

Don Anderson, Chairman
Daniel Dorfman
Laurie Leibowitz
Michael Shalen
Brian Wolkenberg

Absent was:

Richard Heller
Gloria Threats
Jerry Witkovsky

Also present:

Jeri Cotton, Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wolkenberg moved to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2015 Sustainability Commission meeting. Commissioner Shalen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote with Commissioner Shalen abstaining.

Public Comment

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

Energy Assessment Program

Ch. Anderson explained the Commission was updated at the December 17 2015 meeting, and there were several action items. Commissioner Wolkenberg reached out to Principal McConnell but has not heard back from him. He is awaiting information from the District 109 meeting.

Commissioner Wolkenberg spoke about identifying a business/industry partner with successful energy conservation efforts to speak to the school. Commissioner Dorfman would be willing to assist in contacting Commissioner Threats regarding Walgreens.

Water Assessment Program

a. Draft Tap Water Resource Documents

Commissioner Leibowitz met with representatives from EarthWorks, the assistant principal from DHS, and Assistant Village Manager Lichterman about the "Take the Pledge – Drink Tap Water!" program. Commissioner Leibowitz showed a draft "Pledge" and recommended creating a link to the "Pledge". She

also provided some resource materials including a link to the Deerfield Sustainability Commission website. She believes having people sign a pledge would be better than other possibilities. Commissioner Leibowitz noted the school has five water fountains for refillable bottles. Four of the fountains have counters. The school will create a baseline to determine if more people are refilling bottles. Commissioner Leibowitz explained the school wants to add more recycling. She suggested they contact SWALCO for recycling signage. She reported they were excited about being part of the water initiative.

Commissioner Leibowitz noted the school expressed concern about the \$5 cost of the bottles, but pointed out the school bookstore could sell the bottles. She noted this will be a Deerfield-wide initiative. Commissioner Dorfman asked if the bottle would have a logo. Commissioner Leibowitz showed a sample image. She will follow up with the school in a couple weeks if she has not heard back from them. Commissioner Leibowitz will also work with Mr. Lichterman to get the bottles donated.

Commissioner Leibowitz reported a representative from EarthWorks would like to be involved with the Commission. She asked that Mr. Lichterman follow up on this.

Review of Commercial and Residential Recycling Rates

Ch. Anderson explained there are six communities in Lake County that have a commercial recycling franchise. Two communities have had them for four years. The Village has an 11.8% recycle rate. Grayslake and Highland Park have had commercial recycling for four years; the Village's 11.8% rate is good for the first year. Ch. Anderson noted Whole Foods was able to opt-out. Mr. Dorfman questioned the participation rate. Ch. Anderson believes it is the percentage of businesses that use recycling bins, but that information is not collected by our hauler. The commercial franchise hauler thought Deerfield's rate was good for the first year. Commissioner Shalen indicated the rate is the amount recycled versus the amount of discarded trash.

Ch. Anderson shared the residential information for both waste and recycling. Deerfield's residential recycling rate (tons recycled/tons recycled + tons landfilled) is 32%. By comparison, Deerfield is #4 in Lake County out of the 44 participating communities measured in the documents. Deerfield is #9 in total waste generated.

Ch. Anderson discussed the report on Household Chemical Waste. The Village annually hosts a drop-off location at the high school and attendance continues to grow. The HCW program will continue.

The commissioners discussed disposal of prescription drugs.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Leibowitz asked that Lisa Johnson, head of EarthWorks, be included in the Commission's distribution. Her email address is ljohnson@dist113.org.

At the next meeting, Ch. Anderson asked Mr. Lichterman to discuss the Village's communication plans for prescription drug disposal and recycling.

Adjournment

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There being no further business or discussion, Commission Shalen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commission Wolkenberg seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next Sustainability Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Cotton

Secretary



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SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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Deerfield tap water is safe. The Village gets its water from Lake Michigan, among the cleanest fresh water sources in the nation. Village water meets or exceeds strict EPA regulations and is tested multiple times per week using the newest technology available to offer faster results. According to the Environmental Working Group, bottled water is not necessarily safer than tap water and is often sourced from municipal supplies. Water quality reports from bottled water manufacturers are often unavailable due to little oversight by the FDA on the bottled water industry. On the other hand, the Village produces a water quality report annually.

Deerfield tap water is a bargain – less than half a penny per gallon compared to an average of \$1.70 per gallon for a 24 pack of 16.8 ounce bottles, 312 times as expensive!

Tap water is the environmentally friendly choice. Millions of barrels of oil are used to produce plastic bottles and about 75% end up in a landfill, about 1 million tons per year nationwide. Transportation creates additional environmental costs.

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First name: _____

Last Name: _____

Email: _____

Zip Code: _____

PLEDGE

I pledge to:

- Choose tap water over bottled water whenever possible
- Fill a reusable bottle with tap water
- Support policies that promote clean, affordable tap water for all

Encourage your friends and neighbors to join you in a pledge to drink tap water.