

AGENDA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
November 8, 2018
7:00 P.M.
COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM 206

1. Consideration of October 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes
2. Public Comment
3. Presentation by ComEd Regarding Energy Efficiency Programs
4. Next Meeting Date and Time – TBD

**MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
October 18, 2018**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Deerfield Village Hall, 850 Waukegan Road, in the Community Conference Room 206. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Present:

Maria Albulesco
Dick Heller
Laurie Leibowitz
Michael Shalen
Brian Wolkenberg

Absent was:

Don Anderson, Chairman
Daniel Dorfman
Bill Mertes

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager
Todd Sinn, Village Arborist, Urban Forest Management

Presiding Officer

In the absence of Chairman Anderson, Commissioner Heller made a motion to nominate Commissioner Leibowitz to be Presiding Officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shalen. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Heller made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shalen to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Ms. Amy Call was present along with her son Wesley. They were interested in learning more about the tree initiative on tonight's agenda.

Discussion of "Giving to the Trees" Initiatives

Commissioner Leibowitz thanked Village Arborist, Todd Sinn, for attending tonight's meeting. She noted that the Commission has been working with the Park District to develop tree education programs. The first program is to host a tree walk next September and have the arborist serve as facilitator. The walk is tentatively scheduled to take place in Jewett Park and Maplewood Park. Commissioner Leibowitz noted the goals of the program:

- Educate citizens about the care of trees as well as threats to tree health and benefits trees provide
- Motivate citizens to plant and care for trees on their property and in the Deerfield community
- Create awareness of area resources to help with tree selection and care

The walk would be open to the community and discuss tree identification, examples of threats, desirable versus undesirable trees including advantages of native trees. She would like to make sure there is a handout for participants that includes tree care tips and area resources. She noted that the Commission has also considered using a poster contest to help promote the event.

Mr. Sinn noted that he would walk Jewett Park and Maplewood Park next week to ensure there is enough tree variety to make the walk interesting for participants. Mr. Lichterman requested Mr. Sinn to share some of his background and experience. Mr. Sinn holds an environmental science degree. He has 28 years of experience and has obtained the designation of Senior Forester. He works for Urban Forest Management and serves as the Village's contracted Arborist. He works at the Village every Tuesday and has experience with tree preservation plans and the Village's tree ordinance. Mr. Sinn suggested reaching out to the Arbor Day Foundation for additional resources.

Ms. Call suggested incorporating treats and kids activities to help attract families to the event. She noted that weekends are very busy for families and that maybe two separate one hour programs would offer more options for residents to participate.

Mr. Lichterman suggested that once the tree inventory report is complete by Mr. Sinn, the subcommittee could meet and refine the event logistics. Mr. Lichterman summarized the following action items that are to be completed by Mr. Sinn and the tree subcommittee:

1. Mr. Sinn to prepare tree inventory report for Jewett Park and Mitchell Park.
2. Subcommittee to:
 - a. Finalize event format (i.e. walk versus tables/stations, hours, locations)
 - b. Create custom event brochure
 - c. Reach out to Arbor Day Foundation for additional support and resources
 - d. Secure treats, handouts and other interesting give-a-ways for kids
 - e. Incorporate other nature/environmental resources such as wildlife information
 - f. Set rules/guidelines for poster contest

The tree subcommittee will have their next meeting in November or December.

Other Items for Discussion

Commissioner Wolkenberg noted that he is participating in a sustainability event on ecochallenge.org. He highlighted some of the key features of the website noting that participants can log their activities and earn points for being sustainable. Commissioner Albulasco noted this is the second year that Walgreens has a team participating on the website. Commissioner Wolkenberg noted that this could possibly serve as a tool to measure the community's impact on sustainability. He requested that this be placed on a future agenda for discussion so that he could do a proper demonstration for the Commission.

Adjournment

Mr. Lichterman reported that Chairman Anderson had previously suggested November 8 as the next meeting date.

Commissioner Heller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leibowitz. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Lichterman
Assistant Village Manager