

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

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

In attendance were:

Present:

Don Anderson, Chairman  
Richard Heller  
Laurie Leibowitz  
Bill Mertes  
Michael Shalen  
Brian Wolkenberg

Absent was:

Daniel Dorfman  
Gloria Threats  
Chenlin Zhao

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Heller made a motion seconded by Commissioner Mertes to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

There was no one present for Public Comment.

**Review of Coal Tar Sealant Recommendation**

The Commission reviewed the written report with their recommendation to proceed with a multi-year education program about the potential impacts of coal tar sealants. The Commission confirmed that the report is consistent with the discussion and direction provided at the last meeting.

*Motion*

Commissioner Mertes made a motion to approve the report and recommendation in substantially the same form. Commissioner Heller seconded the motion.

*Discussion*

Chairman Anderson reviewed potential dates to present the report to the Village Board. The Commission agreed to present the recommendation on February 20.

Roll Call

The Motion was approved by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Heller, Leibowitz, Mertes, Shalen, Wolkenberg

Nays: None

The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Anderson encouraged Commission members to attend the February 20 Board meeting.

### **Water and Energy Conservation Program Updates/Next Steps**

Commissioner Wolkenberg noted that plans are underway to continue our partnership with District 109 around Earth Day. He noted that there have been some staff changes at the school and a new superintendent is being hired. He noted that he is working with a number of the schools, teachers and principals to retain and expand the programs we completed last year. Commissioner Wolkenberg suggested that Mr. Lichterman reach out to Cathy Kedijian to ensure the District was aware of our plans.

Mr. Lichterman noted that Commissioner Threats of Walgreens has been assigned to a new role and will no longer be participating with the Commission. She has provided a new contact at Walgreens that may be able to take her seat on the Commission. Chairman Anderson requested Mr. Lichterman reach out to the new Walgreens contact and determine if he has interest serving on the Commission. Commission Wolkenberg noted that Walgreens has historically provided great activities during Earth Day including a hands-on lighting activity in 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. The teachers have expressed interest in continuing this program if Walgreens is able to offer it again this year.

### **Ideas for Community Outreach**

Chairman Anderson requested the Commission to brainstorm additional ideas for community outreach and perhaps new areas of concentration. Commissioner Heller suggested new ways of educating the community about what can be recycled. He noted there is still some confusion about which items can be recycled. He suggested a recycling display board or activity that could be conducted in schools, at the farmers market or at the library.

Commissioner Leibowitz discussed key areas that were discussed in the book *Drawdown* and listed a few of these as suggested areas for the Commission to focus on in the future. These suggestions included:

#### **Food**

- Plant Rich Diet
- Reduced Food Waste
- Composting

#### **Buildings and Cities**

- LED Lighting
- Insulation
- Water Distribution
- Building Automation

#### **Transportation**

- Electric Vehicles
- Ridesharing

Commissioner Heller noted residents could have access to thermal imaging tools to visualize the heat loss in their homes. Commissioner Shalen noted that he read the book *Drawdown* and identified five possible areas of concentration. Those areas included: 1) LED lights – more light, less energy, less landfill waste. 2) Bike infrastructure 3) Walkable cities. 4) Smart thermostats. 5) Recycled paper – perhaps the Village could have a policy that we need to purchase a certain percentage of recycled paper.

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Commissioner Leibowitz inquired if a survey of residents and/or commercial businesses would help us to help them pursue green initiatives. She noted that she had a positive experience collaborating with a university to complete a survey related to the library referendum a few years ago.

Chairman Anderson requested the Commission to continue their brainstorming and for Laurie to share pertinent sections of the book with Commission members so they could review the material before the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Lichterman  
Assistant Village Manager