

**MEETING MINUTES  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
March 21, 2019**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, March 21, 2019 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:

Don Anderson, Chairman  
Maria Albulesco  
Daniel Dorfman  
Dick Heller  
Laurie Leibowitz  
Bill Mertes  
Michael Shalen

Absent was:

Brian Wolkenberg

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager

**Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Mertes made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shalen to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

Ely Jacobson would like to assist with the planning and promotional efforts related to the Energy Assessment Program.

**ComEd Energy Assessment Next Steps**

Commissioner Shalen reported that a recent Deerfield Review article included great coverage of this initiative. The Commission finalized the programs action plan and incorporated social media promotions. The Commission reviewed a draft flyer for the program. The flyer will be revised to make it look more like a Village promotion rather than a ComEd promotional piece. Revisions to the flyer will include the addition of the Village logo, a new title, and mention that the Sustainability Commission supports this program. Also, the average cost savings to Deerfield residents will be prominently noted.

Mr. Jacobson shared additional websites and resources that the Commission can promote as a next step in the home energy assessment process. Chairman Anderson noted that it would be great to include these links on the website and help build a robust page of resources.

**Discussion of "Giving to the Trees" Program**

Commissioner Leibowitz reported that a buckthorn education program is confirmed for Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at the Deerfield Public Library and the speaker will be from Lake County Forest Preserve. The subcommittee will be finalizing dates for the two additional tree education programs to be held this September and October. Mr. Lichterman noted that we will have small trees or saplings that can be given

out at various events. The Commission discussed various promotional ideas and suggested that reusable “Green Up Deerfield” bags would also be a useful promotional product.

Commissioner Leibowitz noted that the subcommittee will be meeting again to finalize logistics for the buckthorn program.

**Earth Day Energy Conservation Activities at District 109**

Mr. Lichterman noted that he has had correspondence with all of the District 109 schools and is awaiting confirmation from those schools/classrooms that will be participating. He noted that those folks that have not responded yet received a follow-up email from him this week.

He noted that Walgreens has agreed to continue offering their two energy conservation programs to the schools this year and that an online waste sorting game is also a new addition that will be available to students during Earth Week.

**Other items for discussion**

Earth Hour will be held from 8:30- 9:30 p.m. on March 30. Earth Day will be held on April 22. An Arbor Day tree planting in partnerships with the Earth Works Club at Deerfield High School on April 26 at 3:25p.m.

Commissioner Dorfman confirmed that he will attend the April 15 Village Board meeting to accept the Earth Day Proclamation on behalf of the Commission.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Heller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Leibowitz. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Next meeting will be held of May 2.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Lichterman  
Assistant Village Manager