

AGENDA
GREENHOUSE GAS WORKING GROUP
November 4, 2021
7:00 P.M.
Remote Meeting via Zoom

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Consideration and Approval of September 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. Public Comment

Village residents wishing to respectfully share thoughts about any matter concerning the Village may do so by submitting an email to sustainabilitycomment@deerfield.il.us prior to the meeting. Emails received will be read aloud during Public Comment. Any e-mails received during the meeting will be read during the second public comment before the end of the meeting. We ask that you keep your emailed response to under 200 words to allow time for others to be heard and for the Commission to progress through the public meeting agenda. In addition, members of the public may provide oral comments by telephone or web-based video conference during all meetings of the Commission during the time designated for public comment provided that such comments do not exceed three minutes in duration. The Commission typically does not immediately respond to public comments or engage in open dialogue, but we are of course actively listening to your comments.

At least one representative from the Commission will be present at Village Hall and the virtual meeting will be simulcast at Village Hall for members of the public who do not wish to view the virtual meeting from another location. Pursuant to Restore Illinois Phase 4, the opportunity to view the virtual meeting at Village Hall is available on a “first come, first-served” basis due to limited capacity.

5. Greenhouse Gas Ad Hoc Working Group - Update
6. Green Region Compact
 - Self-Assessment Framework

7. Water Reclamation Facility Tour

- Saturday, November 6 @ 10AM

8. Care of Tree Initiatives

9. Energy Efficiency Programs

- ComEd and North Shore Gas Small Business and Residential Programs

10. Other Items for Discussion:

11. Public Comment

12. Next Meeting Date – TBD

**MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABLE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Present:

Maria Albulescu
Don Anderson, Chairman
Amy Call
Dick Heller (arrived 7:15)
Bill Mertes
Michael Shalen
Brian Wolkenberg

Absent:

Karrah Krakoviak
Deborah Tometz

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager (at Village Hall)
Jeri Cotton, Secretary

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioner Mertes moved, seconded by Commissioner Shalen, to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2021 Sustainability Commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Albulescu, Call, Mertes, Shalen, Wolkenberg, Anderson (6)

NAYS: None (0)

Public Comment

There was no public comment received by email. There was no one present at Village Hall or on Zoom wishing to make a public comment.

Business:

1. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Ad Hoc Working Group

Ch. Anderson reported that to further to the Village Board's Proclamation on greenhouse gas reductions, Mayor Shapiro has formed a working group representing different stakeholders in the Village including members of this Commission, Go Green Deerfield, Village Board and staff. Mayor Shapiro will announce the members of the working group. That group will start to meet in November. Mr. Lichterman noted there would be seven (7) voting members.

2. Green Region Compact 2

- **Self-Assessment Framework and Topic Areas**

Mr. Lichterman reported Village staff completed the framework. He spoke with a member of the Mayor's Caucus that reported the framework was created largely from action items that municipalities were already undertaking, which demonstrates their feasibility. Ch. Anderson suggested the commissioners go through the document and come prepared with questions and discussion points for the next meeting. In reviewing the information, Mr. Wolkenberg found it useful to look at the subgroups to determine what areas to prioritize. Ch. Anderson suggested focusing on items with possibilities for the future. The next step will be looking at the sections where there are opportunities and invite experts from the Village staff to help educate the commissioners. Mr. Lichterman noted some items are listed as non-relevant, because they fall under the purview of other agencies. Ms. Call suggested focusing on the main areas of consumption. Ch. Anderson suggested considering all of the sections, as they are all important and go to the definition of sustainability. A sustainable community is not only about the environment, but also a host of other things.

3. Care of Trees Initiatives

- **Tree Walk Program**

The tree walk was this past weekend. Commissioner Call noted there were more than 20 people in attendance. The Park District led one group and Kristin Stewart (Village Arborist) lead another group. They saw 15 species of trees, identified some diseases and learned about pruning. The staff reflected back on what they could do better and would like to expand the event to more people, especially families with kids. Commissioner Call suggested having a short session for kids in the future. It was a great event and they passed along a lot of brochures and had great conversations.

Ch. Anderson asked about having more events in the future. Commissioner Call noted they discussed the possibility of going into the middle schools or high school, possibly on Arbor Day or Earth Day. Commissioner Call suggested having something at the Patty Turner Center as well. Ch. Anderson noted the Village has planted a tree at the high school for Arbor Day each year. He asked if Commissioner Call would need additional resources from the Commission to assist with planning and/or execution. Commissioner Call suggested having quarterly meetings for planning. Commissioner Wolkenberg suggested adding a disclaimer to minimize the number of participants asking about their personal properties. Ch. Anderson suggested asking participants to write down their questions. Commissioner Mertes suggested holding a buckthorn seminar or consider allowing participants to bring in pictures of their trees for questions. Mr. Lichterman noted some people were concerned about the length of the program. He also suggested having a handout for participants with the various tree species. Commissioner Heller noted there was a lot of wonderful information at the tent, but people did not look at it. He suggested not only having a session on trees, but also other sessions on other topics of interest such as bushes, pruning, etc.

4. Energy Efficiency

- **North Shore Gas Small Business and Residential Customer Efficiency Program**

Commissioner Shalen explained North Shore Gas has webinars scheduled for next Wednesday for commercial users at 10:00 am and residential users in the evening. Mr. Lichterman explained the small business registration is lagging. He asked the Chamber of Commerce to assist with communication. The Village also pushed the residential seminar on social media. Ch. Anderson encouraged the commissioners to reach out to businesses. He suggested the commissioners sign up for the webinar as well. Commissioner Albuлесcu will share the information with the Sustainability Group at Walgreens.

5. Other Items for Discussion

Ch. Anderson noted the Commission discussed the possibility of touring the recycling facility. He suggested holding a remote meeting in the near future. Mr. Lichterman spoke with Walter Willis from SWALCO. They struggled in finding a good location as people are not allowed on the floor. He suggested trying to locate videos, which would be more educational and appropriate for the Commission. Commissioner Albuлесcu noted Walgreens previously had a tour of a facility, but it was just ok. Commissioner Call would like to see the fabrication of what is being made from recycled products. Mr. Mertes suggested possibly having a virtual tour or a tour of the water treatment plant.

Commissioner Heller asked about a possible “get to know Deerfield” program. Mr. Lichterman noted the Village gives tours of the wastewater treatment plant for the schools. Ch. Anderson asked Mr. Lichterman to look into possible dates for a tour. Commissioner Call likes the idea of coming up with different events around town that are focused on showcasing sustainable practices. She suggested a “touch a truck” electric style.

Commissioner Call asked how pumpkins and Christmas trees are handled. Mr. Lichterman explained pumpkins can go into compost bins or in carts. The Village has Christmas tree pickup for two weeks after the holidays.

Public Comment

There were no Public Comments in person, on Zoom or via email.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Heller moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mertes seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES: Albuлесcu, Call, Heller, Mertes, Shalen, Wolkenberg, Anderson (7)

NAYS: None (0)

The next scheduled Sustainability Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Cotton
Secretary