

**MEETING MINUTES  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION  
February 4, 2021**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, February 4, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

In attendance were:

Present:

Don Anderson, Chairman  
Maria Albulesco  
Amy Call  
Dick Heller  
Karrah Krakovyak  
Bill Mertes  
Michael Shalen  
Deborah Tomez  
Brian Wolkenberg

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager

**Determination to Hold Remote Meetings**

In accordance with Mayor Rosenthal's March 16, 2020, Executive Order, Chairman Anderson made a determination that it is not prudent to hold in-person meetings of the Sustainability Commission until further notice.

**Introductions**

Chairman Anderson welcomed new commissioners Deborah Tomez and Karrah Krakovyak

**Consideration of Minutes**

Commissioner Heller made a motion seconded by Commissioner Shalen to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Art Wilde submitted a Public Comment via email requesting that the Sustainability Commission partner with Go Green Deerfield on a yard sign campaign to promote the Village's Community Solar Program. Specifically, Go Green Deerfield is asking the Commission to purchase 50 yard signs at a cost of approximately \$500 to start the campaign. Go Green Deerfield would be responsible for placing the yard signs and rotating them to homes throughout the Village. Chairman Anderson thanked Mr. Wilde for the comment and asked that this matter be placed on next month's agenda for discussion.

**New Residential Solid Waste Contract**

Chairman Anderson reported that Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) is the Village's new residential solid waste hauler effective April 1, 2021. He welcomed representatives Josh Connell and Bill Kenney of LRS. Mr. Connell and Mr. Kenney reported they are excited to start the new program. In addition to waste and recycling services, the program includes a new curbside composting program with a dedicated 35-gallon container for all single-family homes.

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Mr. Lichterman reported that staff is planning to compile materials to give away a “compost toolkit” to assist residents with learning how to use their new compost containers. He noted that residents need help learning what to do in the home. The toolkits would consist of a kitchen compost pail, compostable liners and educational materials. The Commission supported the program. Mr. Lichterman is going to work with Chairman Anderson and Commissioner Call to evaluate which kitchen compost pail to order.

Commissioner Wolkenberg recommended establishing metrics, such as diversion rates, that can be measured to determine the success of the new compost program. He also suggested having some method to receive feedback on the program during its initial roll-out.

### **Review of Tree Preservation Ordinance**

Mr. Lichterman reported that staff is preparing a report to update the Village’s Tree Preservation Ordinance. The report recommends establishing a definition for Heritage Trees with a higher mitigation fee, providing an incentive for removal of invasive species and prevents planting of a monoculture. Mr. Lichterman reported that staff has been meeting with Commissioner Call to discuss revisions to the ordinance.

Chairman Anderson requested that the Tree Subcommittee meet to discuss the Tree Ordinance, potential plans for the Tree Walk and promotion of the 50/50 Tree Program. Commissioner Mertes and Commissioner Call will meet with Mr. Lichterman to discuss the tree related topics and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

### **100% Green Residential Aggregation Program**

Mr. Lichterman reported that the NSEAC members will be issuing a Request for Proposals shortly.

### **Community Solar Program**

Mr. Lichterman reported that the Village continues to promote the program and has over 200 sign ups to date. He thanked Go Green Deerfield for their help promoting the program as well.

### **Earth Works Club**

Mr. Lichterman reported that the Earth Works Club is trying to plant 315 trees in the Village to offset their annual paper usage. Residents can request a tree to be planted during the month of April. Mr. Lichterman will share the link and program information.

### **Other Items for Discussion**

Commissioner Call reported that the Friends of the Chicago River are hosting the Chicago River Day on May 8 at two locations in the Village. She also noted that Go Green Deerfield is in the early stages of planning their annual Sustainable Yard Tour.

### **Next meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be March 4 at 7 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Mertes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Heller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrew Lichterman  
Assistant Village Manager