

**MEETING MINUTES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION
JULY 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Sustainability Commission was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 206 at Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were:

Present:

Dick Heller
Bill Mertes
Michael Shalen
Karrah Krakoviak

Absent:

Maria Albulescu
Don Anderson
Amy Call
Deborah Tometz

Also present:

Andrew Lichterman, Assistant Village Manager / Director of Community Development

Presiding Officer

Commissioner Mertes moved, seconded by Commissioner Shalen to appoint Commissioner Heller as Presiding Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of Minutes

Commissioner Mertes moved, seconded by Commissioner Shalen to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2022 Sustainability Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Business:

1. GHG Working Group Update

Mr. Lichterman presented the Climate Action Report and thanked Chairperson Anderson and Commissioner Mertes for their valuable input to the report. Copies are available online and at the Administration/Finance Desk at Village Hall.

2. Other Items for Discussion

- **Farmers Market**

The commissioners discussed conducting a water taste test at the August 20 Farmers Market. Commissioners will conduct the water taste test from 9 a.m. to noon. Blind samples of tap water and bottled water will be distributed. Residents will be asked to rate which sample they like best. The event will allow the commission to interact and engage the public in conversations about water. Resources and information, including the Village's water quality report and residential composting materials, will be available. Mr. Lichterman will work to procure the water taste test supplies and secure a tent at the farmers market.

The commission discussed a follow-up event to be held at the library within 60 days of the water taste test. Commissioner Mertes offered to present a Water Education Seminar discussing water quality and addressing any resident concerns. Mr. Lichterman will communicate with the library to finalize the date and location.

- **Tree Walk**

The commission also discussed hosting a Tree Walk program on Saturday, September 24 at 10 a.m. on the trails behind Deerfield High School that lead to the Prairie Wolf Slough. Mr. Lichterman will check with the high school regarding parking and any potential effect on other planned events. Mr. Lichterman will also check on the availability of Village Arborists to lead the Tree Walk.

Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Commissioner Shalen moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Heller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled Sustainability Commission meeting will take place on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Van Dusen
Deputy Village Clerk