

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION

June 19, 2019
Village Hall Board Room
118 W. Cook Avenue
4:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes - May 15, 2019 Meeting
- 2) Electrical Aggregation - Renewable Energy Options
- 3) Native Prairie Garden Planting Progress
- 4) Commercial Recycling Project Update
- 5) Commercial Compost Initiative Status
- 6) Butler Lake Shoreline Restoration Project Update
- 7) Other Items/Updates
- 8) Adjourn

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Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2019

A meeting of the Sustain Libertyville Commission was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall. Those in attendance included the following Commission members: Chairperson Doug Reed, Carol Cooper, Dave Wilms, David Neu, Cathy O'Brien, Bill Cotey and Jeanine Chyna. Also in attendance were Trustee Pat Carey, Audubon Society Member Chris Geiselhart, Village Administrator Kelly Amidei, and Management Analyst Patrick Hastings.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Electrical Aggregation Status

Kelly Amidei gave an update on the status of the Village's Electrical Aggregation Program and the option the contract contains for residents to utilize renewable energy sources. She informed the group that ComEd's rate has been getting closer to the aggregation rates and that the cost savings is not as great as it once was. The Commission then discussed the possibility of continuing an aggregation program, even if there is no cost savings over the ComEd rate, in order to provide an avenue for residents to pursue the renewable energy route. Bill Cotey made a motion to recommend holding informational meetings on the electrical aggregation program and to gauge resident's interest in pursuing a renewable energy option with all commission members present approving the motion.

Outside of informational meetings, Doug Reed suggested including an article in the Village Newsletter on how to switch to renewable energy through the aggregation program in an effort to let residents know this option exists and that it is an avenue that has been vetted by the Village.

Native Garden Update

The Plan's for the Native Garden were approved at the Village Board level and the Parks Division started the process of removing the existing ground cover, pruning the crabapple tree, and removing a shrub. David Neu gave an update on the donations received for the garden and what plants were remaining for purchase. Dave asked if it would be possible to have the Parks Division pull up the existing ground cover to plant sooner.

Bill Cotey inquired about the possibility of staff determining how many cul-de-sacs the Village maintains and an estimated cost associated with their maintenance. The Commission would like to pursue the idea of native plantings rather than grass in cul-de-sacs. Patrick Hastings will get that information for the next meeting

Commercial Recycling Project Update

Staff has not received a copy of the updated service matrix from Groot and will make a request for it again. This document can possibly show what businesses initiated recycling services since starting the project.

One desire of the Commission in regards to the recycling project is the inclusion of recycling labels for commercial containers. Staff was able to speak with Groot about this topic to which they stated that with the changing recycling market, they do not recommend decals at this point. Doug Reed suggested that Groot -should then provide possible alternatives. Staff will reach out to Groot to see what options exist.

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Commercial Composting Initiative

Patrick Hastings gave an update on the commercial composting initiative. This program will target four businesses to initiate a composting program at their facility in an effort to serve as an example for other businesses in the Village.

Composting guidelines that the Consultant will be using for this program were provided for discussion and to let the Commission know what information was being utilized for this program.

Other Items/Updates

Bill Cotey gave an update on the Butler Lake shoreline restoration project through Libertyville High school. The High school is in the process of installing a floating dock off Butler Lake near the high school that will be utilized by the environmental sciences program.

Chris Gieselhart let the Commission know about Lake County adopting the County Climate Coalition which models the Paris Agreement parameters.

Cathy O'Brien attends the Go Green Illinois meetings and informed the Commission of topics discussed, including the possibilities of communities to become National Wildlife Certified and how communities are looking into banning the usage of small two-cycle engines similar to those found on gas leaf blowers and grass trimmers/weed whackers.

Patrick Hastings let the Commission know that the Village received a SolSmart Silver Designation. The SolSmart program reviewed permitting procedures surrounding solar PV projects and recommended best practices in an effort to ease the permitting process and train staff on proper reviews and inspections.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Hastings
Management Analyst