

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE  
**SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION**

July 19, 2022  
4:00 PM

**MINUTES**

Commission: Chair Dave Neu, Carol Cooper, Cathy O'Brien, Eric Podlogar, Dave Wilms

Village Staff: Erin Baynes, Management Analyst

Guests: Chris Geiselhart; Eva Briggs and Neil Misak, REUSO

1) Call to Order

Acting Chair Dave Neu called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2) Approval of Minutes – May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien and was seconded by Commissioner Podlogar to approve the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes as amended. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3) Recognition of New Chair – Dave Neu

Commissioner Dave Neu was recognized as the newly appointed Chair for the Sustain Libertyville Commission. He also proposed a two-year term limit with the option to renew for future chairs to encourage new leadership.

4) Proposed New Protocol for Agenda Items

Chair Neu mentioned at the last meeting a new protocol for project timelines. His proposal would take a new item and open it to the Commission for an agenda item for the next meeting. Whomever initiated the topic will present relevant information. At the following meeting, a decision is made to act on the item or dismiss it. Unanimous voice vote.

5) Guest Presentation: Eva Bugg, REUSO

Guests Eva Bugg and Neil Misak of REUSO Containers gave a presentation highlighting their sustainable restaurant packaging program.

6) Old Business

a. Chair Neu asked the Commission how it would like to propose implementation for an ordinance barring gas-powered leaf blowers. The Commission agreed it would like to draft an ordinance for a full-year ban with a three-year timeline for compliance.

7) New Business

- a. Commissioner Wilms asked to table the topic of MC2 until the August meeting.
- b. Analyst Baynes informed the Commission that the sign manufacturer has provided a draft design for review. She and Chair Neu will begin building out the website attached to the sign's QR code for live garden updates.
- c. Chair Neu asked the Commission if they would like to see these initiatives move forward for discussion and action. Commissioner O'Brien requested a list of cul-de-sacs in the village, including which are maintained by the Village. Guest Geiselhart asked about a public education component to support native plantings. Chair Neu suggested using another city as a model.
- d. Chair Neu stated that the American Bird Conservancy has encouraged the installation of bird-friendly windows. He will look into recruiting a guest speaker to provide more information about the topic.

8) Other Items/Announcements

Commissioner O'Brien asked whether the Village has an ordinance barring the hanging of clothing on outdoor drying lines. Analyst Baynes said she will look at the Village code. O'Brien also asked about the Village's involvement in muck clean-up at Butler Lake. O'Brien reminded the group of its previous desire to table at the MainStreet Libertyville Farmers' Market; she will follow up with their Executive Director for more information. Chair Neu stated that he was in conversation with Libertyville High School about a potential student liaison to the Commission. Commissioner Wilms reiterated his request for the Village to evaluate a solar power program; Chair Neu requested that he prepare a memorandum for evaluation by the Commission at the August meeting.

9) Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Wilms and seconded by Commissioner Podlogar. The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. by a unanimous roll call vote. The next meeting is on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Erin E. Baynes  
Management Analyst