



**Village of Lincolnwood Environmental Commission
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, September 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes from the August 28, 2023, Environmental Commission Meeting

4. New Business

- a. Introduction – Bonnie Kahn Ognistanti, Niles Township Supervisor

5. Old Business

- a. Fall Cleanup Event
- b. OaktoberFest 2023
- c. Sustainability Plan Implementation

6. Staff Report

7. Chairperson's Report

8. Commissioners' Report

9. Public Comment

10. Adjournment

Date Posted: September 12, 2023

By: Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director



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Environmental Commission Meeting
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, August 28, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Ahmed.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Najia Ahmed, Chairperson
Bridget O'Callaghan Gjokaj, Commissioner
Tabassum Qurashi, Commissioner
Amreena Suri, Commissioner
Jonathan Powell, Commissioner

Members Absent

Nashra Mohammed, Commissioner

A quorum was present.

Others Present

Brendon Mendoza, Staff Liaison
Anne Marie Gaura, Village Manager
Atour Sargon, Trustee Liaison

Absent

Matt Pasquini, Staff Liaison

3. Approval of Minutes from the July 24, 2023, Environmental Commission Meeting

Commissioner Powell made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suri.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Qurashi, Suri, O'Callaghan Gjokaj, Powell.

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

4. Chairperson Report

Chairperson Ahmed also updated the Commission on the progress report that was presented to the Committee of the Whole on August 15th. Chairperson Ahmed believed it was received well and should be posted on the Village Website.

Chairperson Ahmed went over upcoming environmental dates.

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that Morton Grove is holding their Sustainability Expo on Saturday, September 9th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. She suggested the Environmental Commission attend.

5. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Suri informed the Commission on her experience at Lincolnwood Fest. Commissioner Suri spoke with many residents and they were not aware of the Environmental Commission. Commissioner Suri informed the Commission that a lot of residents are also interested in the Sustainability Plan. Commissioner Suri also informed the Commission of certain complaints regarding property maintenance. Staff Liaison Mendoza mention that these type of complaints should be directed to the Village's Code Enforcement Officer.

Commissioner O'Callaghan Gjokaj inquired if the Village arborist is ISA certified. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that the private Arborist is ISA certified and the new Foreman of Forestry and Alleys is in the process of getting ISA certified, however other staff are ISA certified. Commissioner O'Callaghan Gjokaj informed the commission of a website that allows you to input trees on your property that will show you how much carbon it is emitting.

Trustee Sargon congratulated Chairperson Ahmed for receiving the Madeleine Grant Volunteer of the Year award.

6. New Business

a. Village Website Sustainability Page

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that Staff Liaison Mendoza put together the Village website Sustainability page. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission that the web page is just the start and there will be more information added as the year progresses. Chairperson Ahmed asked who and when the web page will be updated. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission it will be updated by Public Works.

7. Old Business

a. Fall Cleanup Event

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission on the Fall Cleanup Event happening on September 24th. Chairperson Ahmed informs the Commission that the flyer is ready and would like flyers displayed on the trail by September 18th.

b. Oaktober Fest 2023

Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that Oaktober Fest will take place on October 29th. Chairperson Ahmed confirmed that the flyer will be put in the Village Newsletter and/or social media. Chairperson Ahmed confirmed two (2) vendors that will attend. Chairperson Ahmed asked the Commission for suggestions on additional vendors participating. Commissioner Qurashi suggested inviting Heavens Honey and will reach out to them to

confirm and will update the Commission at the next meeting. Staff Liaison Mendoza will work on reaching out to ComEd for participation as well.

c. Sustainability Plan Implementation

Chairperson Ahmed congratulated the Commission for completing the Sustainability Plan. The Sustainability Plan was adopted by the Village Board on August 15th. Chairperson Ahmed discussed the goals that the Commission needs to begin implementing. Chairperson Ahmed informed the Commission that hiring a consultant would be the first step. Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission of the process of finding a consultant and assured the Commission that a consultant will be hired by the end of the year.

8. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Mendoza informed the Commission of the departure of Staff Liaison Pasquini as well as the addition of the New Director of Public Works, John Welch.

9. Comments from the Public

Cheryl Trilling made a comment regarding tree planting.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm. Commissioner Suri seconded the motion.

Upon roll call the results were:

AYES: Commissioners Mohammed, Suri, Qurashi, O’Callaghan Gjokaj, Powell.

NAYES: None

The motion passed.

By: Brendon Mendoza, Assistant to the Public Works Director

Environmental Commission

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

7:00 PM

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Fall Cleanup Event

- September 24, 2023
- 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
- Valley Line Trail
- Volunteers to meet in front of Flowers Park sign on Pratt Avenue

OaktoberFest

- Sunday, October 29, 2023
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Lincolnwood Community Center, 4170 Morse Avenue
- Space is reserved, continuing vendor outreach

Sustainability Plan Implementation

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Adjournment
