

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION

October 16, 2019
Village Hall Board Room
118 W. Cook Avenue
4:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes - September 18, 2019 Meeting
- 2) Electrical Aggregation - NIMEC Alternative
- 3) Commercial Recycling Project
- 4) Commercial Composting Status
- 5) Other Items/Updates
- 6) Adjourn

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Minutes
Wednesday, September 18, 2019

A meeting of the Sustain Libertyville Commission was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall. Those in attendance included the following Commission members: Chairperson Doug Reed, Cathy O'Brian, Bill Cotey, Dave Wilms, Dave Neu. Also in attendance were Trustee Pat Carey, County Board Member Jennifer Clark, Administrative Intern Lacey Benedeck, Deputy Administrator Ashley Engelmann, Management Analyst Patrick Hastings, Audubon Society Member Chris Geiselhart, Village residents Katie and George Aynilian, Mary Eggert, Pete Adrian from SWALCO and NIMEC Representative Sharon Durling.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting were approved as written.

Electrical Aggregation-NIMEC Presentation

Sharon Durling from the Northern Illinois Municipal Electrical Collaborative (NIMEC) presented on the current and upcoming trends that they are witnessing with the electrical aggregation market. The Village's current agreement expires in August of 2020 there are a couple of routes to pursue when re-bidding the Village's electrical supplier next year. The first would be the traditional route that would give a price for standard electricity to see if the originally sought after savings from aggregation could be achieved. The two other routes to pursue consist of a program that keeps electricity rates in line with ComEd's rates while purchasing 100% renewable energy through Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) or a program that would purchase a certain percentage of RECs and profits made off the remaining accounts would be credited to the Village as a civic contribution while keeping rates the same as ComEd's. Trustee Carey spoke about the origination of the aggregation program with the purpose of saving property owners money on their electricity bill, if the market is not showing savings and renewable energy can be obtained for the same rate as ComEd's rate, it is an option that could possibly be supported. Doug Reed wanted to make sure the different options were vetted prior to going before the Board with a recommendation. Bill Cotey made a motion to approve bringing the alternative methods of electrical aggregation to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to get the Village Board's direction on the subject, Dave Wilms seconded and the Commission was in favor.

Commercial Recycling Project Update

The Commission discussed the continuation of the recycling project. Many of the businesses that were not visited in person were sent an email detailing the recycling services available to business owners. Several businesses did not receive this email due to not being able to determine an email address. The next option would be to reach out to and/or research those businesses that have not received an informational email and obtain an email address or contact information of the best person to speak with at each business. A copy of the original informational email that was previously sent to businesses that did not receive recycling collection was provided to the Commission to get feedback on what should be changed or added prior to getting sent.

Other Items/Updates

Pete Adrian stated that the most recent recycling numbers for the Village were in from Groot which show a continued positive trend. If 35 more businesses start recycling the Village would be at a 50% commercial recycling rate. Mr. Adrian also made mention of the possibility of hosting a pumpkin composting event. He shared options that could work but that it may be late in the season to prepare. Staff will look into the possibility of obtaining a dumpster from Groot.

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Bill Cotey shared a picture of a recycling kiosk that he saw while on vacation. He thought the addition of these in the Village would be a good feature to increase public recycling. Bill also reminded the group that replying to all on emails to the Commission could potentially violate the Open Meetings Act.

Cathy O'Brian reminded the group of the upcoming Lake County Green Congregation meeting and a Care for Our Common Home event at St. Joseph Church.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for 4 PM on Wednesday, October 16, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Hastings
Management Analyst

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AGENDA REPORT

2. Electrical Aggregation – NIMEC Alternative

At the September 18, 2019 Sustain Libertyville Commission a representative from the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative presented on market trends and alternative green options that the electrical aggregation market is showing. The Commission desires to discuss the options and other alternatives to the electrical aggregation program.

3. Commercial Recycling Project

To target many of the businesses that were not visited in person, an email describing the recycling options that are available to businesses along with information on recycling was sent to the businesses who had contact information available. Of the businesses that did not have contact information available, staff and the Commission have been researching contact information. The Commission desires to discuss the next steps of this project.

4. Commercial Composting Status

To date, three businesses have been visited and consulted by Bright Beat on the proper composting methods that would work with each of the individual business's kitchen set-ups and waste collection process. Bright Beat has also provided each of the businesses with a waste analysis and suggested changes to their service levels with Groot that would allow for the businesses to implement a composting process. Staff will give any update on the status of this program.