

VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION

November 20, 2019
Village Hall Board Room
118 W. Cook Avenue
4:00 PM

AGENDA

- 1) Approval of Minutes – October 16, 2019 Meeting
- 2) Pumpkin Composting Collection Results
- 3) Discuss Openlands November 20th Meeting
- 4) Discuss Educational Articles for Future Newsletters
- 5) Commercial Compost Initiative Update
- 6) Other Items/Updates
- 7) Adjourn

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Sustain Libertyville Commission

Minutes
Wednesday, October 20, 2019

A meeting of the Sustain Libertyville Commission was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Libertyville Village Hall. Those in attendance included the following Commission members: Chairperson Doug Reed, Cathy O'Brien, Bill Cotey, Dave Wilms, Dave Neu and Jeanine Chyna. Also in attendance were Mayor Weppler, Trustee Pat Carey, Village Administrator Kelly Amidei, Administrative Intern Lacey Benedeck Management, Analyst Patrick Hastings, State Representative Mary Edly-Allen, County Board Member Jennifer Clark, Village resident Katie Aynilian, Audubon Society Member Chris Geiselhart, Pete Adrian from SWALCO and Ivy Klee-SWALCO's Greenest Region Corp member.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved with the correction to Cathy O'Brien's name and changing the language to Lake County Green Congregation event rather than calling it a meeting.

Electrical Aggregation-NIMEC Alternative

Doug Reed stated that 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. He discussed the possibility of determining if there were alternatives to NIMEC or the routes that were proposed in the previous meeting. Mayor Weppler stated that NIMEC is the Village's consultant on aggregation and that they would be able to assist in making any recommendations. Doug also stated that the approximate date of the next time to bid electric aggregation is in August of 2020 and wanted to know the process for bringing the topic to the Board. Mayor Weppler stated that the Commission may make a recommendation to have the Board consider different options if the economics make sense. Jennifer Clark stated that a timeline leading up to the bid date would be beneficial in order to plan accordingly. Kelly Amidei stated that since the electricity rates are variable staff can start seeing what other municipalities are obtaining for rates and compare to ComEd's rates when it is closer to the time for the Village to go out to bid. This way recommendations and feedback can be obtained from the Board to know how to proceed when the bids come in. The Commission also desired to know how many residents have opted-out of the aggregation program and if those accounts would have the option of getting back into the new aggregation program. Ms. Amidei stated that staff will look into obtaining that information. The Commission also wanted to know how to start getting the word out and feedback from residents. Ms. Amidei stated that the Commission can take it up as a topic at the Green Living Fair and the Village can post articles on the website and possibly the Village Views newsletter.

Commercial Recycling Project

Mr. Reed stated that he had desired updates to add to a previous email that was sent out to Libertyville businesses about recycling options with the Village's waste service provider, Groot. Pete Adrian updated the Commission about Groot getting a new commercial account manager and stated that it would be good to obtain that person's contact prior to sending any emails. Mr. Adrian also introduced SWALCO's new Greenest Region Corps member, Ivy Klee. He stated that she would possibly be able to assist the Village with recycling/waste initiatives while she is working with SWALCO. Mr. Adrian also gave a brief update on the status of the recycling market, stating that the market still has not picked back up since market's overseas reduced their contamination percentages to a near impossible mark.

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Mr. Reed also provide information from a news article about a company Agilyx, using chemicals to break down plastics back into a raw material. One of the plants to perform this process will be opening in Illinois

Commercial Composting

Patrick Hastings gave a brief update on where the commercial composting program was at. All of the initially targeted businesses have been consulted with and given all the information as to how to implement a composting process. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Adrian were hopeful that composting would commence by the end of the month.

Other Items/Updates

County Board Member Jennifer Clark provided a few updates on what the County's Energy and Environmental Committee have been undertaking. One of which is the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program which will provide loans to businesses towards energy efficient upgrades.

Mr. Adrian asked if there was still interest in hosting a Pumpkin Compost Event. He stated that there are a few neighboring schools and it may be an option to reach out to local school who are hosting events to add a competitive nature to the event. Adler Park was discussed as a good place to host the event for ease of traffic accessibility. Staff will determine if Groot will be able to provide a dumpster and if so, will set up the event. Dave Wilms stated that he would be willing to assist the day of the event and that his daughter, a Libertyville High School student, would be able to have student helpers present and help spread the word through the schools.

Dave Neu wanted to know if the Commission would still be able to submit articles for the Village Views newsletter. He suggested that providing the deadlines for each publication would be beneficial to help gauge when and what to provide for the newsletter.

Ms. Amidei provided an update about the Adopt-A-Park program. Since an article was published, five parks have been adopted by various groups.

Mr. Hastings provided information about public recycling container options that Bill Cotey had sent an email about. A picture was provided of containers that are in Cook Park currently and stated that there are about 30 additional recycling containers in various parks throughout the Village.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for 4 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2019. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Hastings
Management Analyst

NOVEMBER 20, 2019 SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT

2. Pumpkin Composting Collection Results

A Pumpkin Composting Event was held on Saturday, November 2. The event was successful and resulted in a 20 yard dumpster full of pumpkins and gourds. The Commission may discuss the results and brainstorm for future events.

3. Discuss Openlands Meeting

A meeting coordinated by Openlands is slated to bring together the staff and Environmental Commissions from Riverwoods, Mettawa, Lincolnshire and Libertyville. Staff and Commission members who attend may speak about the topics that were discussed at this meeting.

4. Discuss Education Articles for Future Newsletters

The Commission may discuss a plan for determining what educational articles to include for the appropriate Village Views Newsletter. Staff will provide approximate deadlines for the submittal of each Newsletter.

5. Commercial Compost Initiative Update

Staff will update the Commission on the status of the composting initiative.

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