

## VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

### SUSTAIN LIBERTYVILLE COMMISSION

May 17, 2022  
4:00 PM

#### MINUTES

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

Village Staff: Erin Baynes, Management Analyst

Guests: Peter Garrity, Village Trustee

1) Approval of April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Podlogar and was seconded by Commissioner Cooper to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with revisions. The minutes were approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

2) Update of Sustain Libertyville Commission Members

Previous Commission Chairperson Doug Reed has resigned from the Commission. The Commission approved the appointment of Dave Neu as acting chair pending a new chairperson. Analyst Baynes also informed the group of Heather McGreevy's departure.

3) Update of "No Idling" and Native Garden Signage

Analyst Baynes informed the group that the contract for the Native Garden sign has been approved and the contractor will have a design over for our review before manufacture. The Village provided eight of the requested 16 no idling signs for local schools and is pending the final eight; Commissioner O'Brien will deliver the signs to Butterfield School for installation. Acting Chair Neu suggested building out the website now to save as a draft until the sign is ready to be installed. Acting Chair Neu asked what the next goal might be; Commissioner O'Brien suggested 128 but mentioned how there is an added layer of difficulty in that the district is not wholly Libertyville.

4) Discuss Draft Ordinance Concerning Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers

Acting Chair Neu discussed the working group's report concerning gasoline-powered leaf blows. Acting Chair Neu suggested changing the Village contracts with commercial providers; Trustee Garrity stated that he would be an advocate for preparing for a change for spring 2024. Analyst Baynes encouraged the group to draft a proposal to escalate to the Village Board for an ordinance. Trustee Garrity also suggested that a discussion with contractors would make such a transition advantageous. Acting Chair Neu proposed drafting a timeframe for transition, whether to utilize a complete ban. Commissioner O'Brien suggested a 3-year phase-in; Commissioner Podlogar agreed and suggested a 4-year. Trustee Garrity reiterated the idea of other municipalities' policy changes and its impact on contractor practices. Analyst Baynes said she would pull Acting Chair Neu's model ordinance from his initial proposal for a vote at the Commission's next meeting.

Acting Chair Neu also suggested a later goal of including electric-powered tools via financial incentive/cost sharing (see: Grayslake).

5) Other Communications and Discussions

Commissioner Cooper asked about the goal to table at the Farmers' Market. Commissioner Podlogar questioned the option of coordinating a collection box for non-recyclable products (i.e. styrofoam). Commissioner O'Brien thanked Commissioner Podlogar for joining her to clean up Artaius Parkway. Acting Chair Neu announced that LHS is looking for volunteers for planting along Butler Lake. He also announced that the Audubon Society is offering grants up to \$2500 for bird-friendly plantings and suggested adding bird-friendly windows to the goals list. Commissioner Podlogar expressed interest in the Chairperson role; Commissioner Neu said he would have to think about the role. Trustee Garrity thanked the Commissioners for their work. Commissioner Neu also proposed having a definitive limit to the number of times agenda items may reoccur.

6) Adjourn

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Podlogar. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. by a unanimous roll call vote. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Management Analyst