

**Village of Oak Park
Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) – Meeting Minutes**

May 7, 2019

Location: Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 124

Attendees: Nick Bridge (Chair), Stephen Morales (Commissioner), Townsend Bailey (Commissioner), Laura Derks (Commissioner), Scott Friesen (Commissioner), Lisa Boone (Commissioner), Mindy Agnew (Staff Liaison)

Absent; Elizabeth Judson (Commissioner), Mark Goldberg (Commissioner), Colin Hughes Taylor (Commissioner)

Call to Order: 7:10pm – The May 7, 2019 meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) was called to order.

- The April 2, 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Agenda Item: Disposable Single-Use Plastics/Straws update

Chair Bridge spoke on the meeting held with the Oak Park Chamber of Commerce to discuss consideration of an ordinance recommendation to the Village Board on reduction of single-use plastics. The Chamber is in favor, as well as several businesses in Oak Park, of phasing in an ordinance in Oak Park to reduce single-use plastics. A representative from Down Town Oak Park has already sent a letter to the Village in support of the ordinance consideration.

The Commission discussed and requested an update on the community solar subscription status for the Village of Oak Park's Community Choice Aggregation supply. A question also was asked if the Village is eligible for any grant opportunities.

The Commission discussed attending the National Renewable Energy Laboratory's Roadmap to Renewable Energy workshop to be held at the Village Hall on May 15th from 8:30am to 4:30pm to set up a framework plan for renewable energy.

Chairperson Nick Bridge also discussed attending the Business Council meeting held on May 22nd at 8:00am at Village Hall to present a plan for reduction of single-use plastics.

The Commission made the following recommendations to be submitted to the Village Board: (See attached.)

Agenda Item: Event coverage, tabling feedback and sign up

Mindy Agnew spoke to the Commission about the success of the Earth Fest 2019. Commissioners shared that roughly 50 people signed up for the Plastics Free July pledge during the event. There was a brief discussion about the 2019 Farmer's Market. Commission members brought in giveaway prizes for the events they table.

MOTION(S):

Commissioner Bailey made a motion for a campaign to do a plastic free July recommendation to the Village Board. Commissioner Morales seconded the motion. Motion carries.

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Morales and Commissioner Bailey seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.