

**Village of Hoffman Estates
Sustainability Commission
September 12, 2016 - Minutes**

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Members in Attendance:

Trustee Anna Newell
Lon Harner, Co-Chair
Sheila Schwartz, Co-Chair
Keith Kapocius
Trustee Gary Pilafas (5:54 p.m.)
George Tuhowski III (6:04 p.m.)

Members Absent:

Rob Ivey
Tabarak Kahn
Jamie Marscin
Alfredo Izquierdo
Darren Smollen

Others in Attendance:

Ashley Monroe, Assistant to the Village Manager (Staff Liaison)

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Co-Chair Harner.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes from July 11, 2016. Motion by Co-Chair Schwartz, second by Trustee Newell.
4-0 Aye.

STAFF LIASON REPORT:

Ms. Monroe noted that an opportunity to fund lighting upgrades at the Sears Centre Arena with short-term payback may be possible through a Metropolitan Mayors Caucus/State of Illinois grant. She said that the free rain barrel program offered by MWRD was presented to and approved by the Village Board. The group asked a question about the Green Business Recognition Program and Co-Chair Schwartz suggested that information be sent to businesses by category, starting with hotels.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Clean up day coordination with Stormwater Commission
Trustee Newell asked about clean up locations, if gutters or streets would be involved. Commissioner Kapocius suggested a list of prioritized locations from Public Works. Ms. Monroe said that she would check on appropriate dates for an event on a Saturday between 9/24 and 10/8/16.
- b. Fall initiatives
Group suggested encouraging recycling at shopping centers. A request was made to see if apartment complexes and large properties/waste generators are currently recycling. Someone said it might be easiest to start with small strip centers.
- c. Choose Date for Groot Tour
Group mentioned Oct. 10th or 11th or Oct. 24th or 25th as dates to start with. Trustee Newell requested that another time or opportunity be scheduled at a different time of year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Sustainability Plan Initiatives
Ms. Monroe is to update the Sustainability Plan and/or initiatives list and send to the Commission members.

OTHER: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting concluded at 6:19 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by: Ashley Monroe

The next meeting is planned for Monday, November 14, at 6:00 pm, at the Village Hall.