

**Environment & Energy Commission**  
Minutes of the September 5, 2017 Meeting  
Village Hall, Room 130

**PRESENT:** Commissioners: Nick Bridge, Townsend Bailey, Erin Daughton, Thom Cmar, Ovy Ganesan, Andrew Basney and Scott Friesen

**ABSENT:** Hanna Kwiecinska, and Stephen Morales

**STAFF:** Rob Sproule

**Chairperson Report:** Chair Bridge reported that this is Ovy Ganesan last meeting and that Andrew Basney is moving and will not be on the Commission anymore, I will send a letter to the clerk's office.

**Staff Reports:** Robert Sproule, Oak Park's Forestry Superintendent gave his report

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Sustainability Director Update** – Village Manager Cara Pavlicek gave a brief outline on the qualifications they are looking to fill this position. Manager Pavlicek said the position should be posted by the end of the month. When the position is posted Rob Sproule, Forestry Superintendent will send it to the commission.

**Presentation:** Mark Burger provided an update on solar aspects of the Future Energy Jobs and administrative rule-making by Illinois Power Agency and the potential impact on Oak Park.

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **A. Solar project evaluation recommendation:**

Commissioner Friesen handed out a proposed framework of the Expenditure of Aggregation Funds. There was discussion and the commission decided the direction to go was to propose a recommendation to the Board for acceptance.

In 2015, the Village Board approved the creation the Renewable Energy Aggregation Fund through the creation of a renewable energy fee of \$0.003/kWh on residents' energy bills. Over the past 2 years nearly \$600,000 has been collected through this process and is waiting to be invested in renewable energy projects.

Consistent with the Oak Park Environment and Energy Commission's (EEC) 2017 work plan, we submit for the Village Board's consideration and discussion the following goal for inclusion in the 2018 planning process:

*Recommendation to the Board: By August of 2018, at least one new solar energy project has been funded, contracted, and broken ground on physical development.*

In support of this goal, the commission has begun work on developing a process for identifying projects, potential matching funds and selection criteria and looks forward to further engagement the Village Board throughout the develop of this process.

A motion was made to accept this recommendation – 1<sup>st</sup> – Commissioner Friesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Commissioner Basney – All in favor

**B. Green Awards** – No report at this time

**C. 2018 Work Plan Development** – No report at this time

**Old Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Adjourn: 9:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Stanislavski