**Village of Oak Park**

**Environment & Energy Commission – Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

**Location:** Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 101

**Attendees:** Nick Bridge (Chair), Townsend Bailey (Commissioner), Thom Cmar (Commissioner), Laura Derks (Commissioner), Scott Friesen(Commissioner), Erin Daughton (Commissioner), Hanna Kwiecinska (Commissioner), Marynda Agnew (Sustainability Coordinator and Board Liaison), Robert Sproule (Forestry Superintendent), Mark Berger (Guest of the Chair)

**Call to Order:** 7:04pm – The January 9, 2018 meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission was called to order.

* Rob Sproule distributed the agenda and associated document. Minutes were reviewed and discussed by the committee members.
* An error was noted with the spelling of Nick Bridge’s name.

**MOTION:** Scott Friesen made a motion to approve the minutes as written with corrections, Laura Derks seconds the motion. No Further Discussion. Motion carries.

**Agenda Item: Chairperson’s Report**

Chairperson Nick Bridge met a month ago with staff from School District 200. The meeting was to discuss the Ridgeland Common Solar Installation and the potential to do something similar on the OPRF building roof. D200 expressed interest in a potential installation. Both EEC and PDOP offered to help move the project forward if D200 wished.

Chairperson Nick Bridge met with Mayor Anan and Village Board Trustee Taglia regarding the EEC’s electrical aggregation program ideas. Mayor and Anon and Trustee Taglia were interested in the EEC’s ideas and opinions.

**Agenda Item: Sustainability Coordinator Introduction**

Chairperson Nick Bridge introduced Mindy Agnew as the new Sustainability Coordinator for the Village of Oak Park

Mindy provided an overview of the new single-use bag fee program implementation.

**Agenda Item: Public Comment**

* No Public Comment

**Agenda Item: Staff Report**

* No Additional Staff Report

**Agenda Item: Legislative Update**

* No Legislative Update

**Agenda Item: Discussion / Action Items**

1. **Addendum to Recommendation for Spending Aggregation Electricity Fees**

Chair requests an addendum be added to the EEC recommendation to the Board regarding solar aggregation and ideas to leverage our utility bills to do an agreement on a larger scale. Chair turned to Mark Burger to present on this topic.

Mark Berger– Explained that it’s unlikely to find a sustainable financial solution within the Village property limits. Procure utility scale solar or wind within IL, and explore longer timeline which may attract a partner at a lower rate.

Scott Friesen outlined the addendum recommendation.

**MOTION:** Scott Friesen, made a motion to append the existing memorandum / recommendation to the board for solar aggregation fund expenditure to include the addendum recommendation, Tom Cmar seconds the motion.

No further discussion. Motion carries.

1. **2018 Work Plan**

Chair requests that individuals step forward on items they wat to work on in 2018

* Green Awards - Erin and Townsend
* Polystyrene #6 (Styrofoam) reduction and recycling program – Scott
* Zero waste standards for festivals and other public event permits – Laura
* Review aggregation funds generated and recommend projects - Scott, Tom, and Townsend
* Research noise abatement initiatives that could be potential installations along the Green Line. - Hanna
* Community solar projects including partnership with other local and regional organizations – Scott, Tom, and Nick

Commissioners discussed Green Tuesday Program ideas – Utility savings programs and urban wildlife

Commissioners request the work plan be revised to include champions for certain items.

**MOTION:** Scott Friesen made a motion to adjourn, Tom Cmar seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries.

The January meeting of the Environment & Energy Commission was adjourned at 8:42pm.