

**Village of Oak Park  
Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) – Meeting Minutes  
March 3, 2020**

**Location:** Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 124

**Attendees:** Laura Derks (Chair), Stephen Morales (Commissioner), Mark Goldberg (Commissioner), Ravi Parakkat (Commissioner), Timothy Thomas (Commissioner), Lisa Boone (Commissioner), Colin Taylor (Commissioner), Mindy Agnew (Staff Liaison)

**Call to Order:** 7:00pm – The March 3, 2020 meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission (EEC)

- 1) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Derks at 7:00 pm.
- 2) Agenda Approval: A motion, to accept the agenda as presented, was made, seconded and approved.
- 3) A motion to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes was made and unanimously approved, none opposed.

**Chairperson’s Report**

Chairperson Derks recommended modification to the agenda format as follows:

- 1) Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Public Comments
- 5) Old Business
- 6) New Business

**Public Comment:**

No public comment was submitted.

**Staff Report:**

Mindy Agnew discussed the possible Board Meeting date of April 27, 2020 for a first reading of a prospective ordinance recommended by the EEC to ban single-use plastics at eating establishments in the Village of Oak Park.

**Environmental benefits analysis prospective renewable energy projects:**

Analysis of recommended project/s discussions revolved around data driven decisions to consider before moving forward with a renewable energy project. GHG emission reductions are the goal. The Village is using the Clear Path data collection platform by ICLEI to update the GHG inventory. State and local energy data (SLED) is location-specific energy market information that can show rates and trends to help plan and implement clean energy projects. The EIA (Energy Information Administration) releases monthly data and state energy profiles to also include as a resource.

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**Old Business:**

**Building Benchmarking**

Commissioner Goldberg brought up the initiatives the City of Chicago and Evanston have designated for Commercial spaces. Commissioners agreed that it would be beneficial to review Evanston's ordinance as a reference.

**Earth Fest and Earth Day 2020, 50th anniversary**

Earth Fest and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day details were discussed. Earth Fest vendor placement and educational giveaways like last year's renewable straws after residents signed a pledge to reduce plastic consumption and/or an interactive activity that partners with the Oak Park Area Arts Council on ideas.

**MOTION:** A motion was made to adjourn by Chairperson Derks and Commissioner Parakkat seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.