

**Village of Oak Park
Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) – Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting
March 18, 2019**

Location: Village of Oak Park Village Hall Room 124

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

Call to Order: 6:30pm – The March 18, 2019 special meeting of the Village of Oak Park Environment & Energy Commission (EEC) was called to order.

- The March 5, 2019 and March 18, 2019 minutes will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Agenda Item: Discussion / Action Items

None.

Agenda Item: Disposable Single-Use Plastics/Straws topic discussion

Commissioner Morales gave a draft power point presentation for the plastics reduction public awareness campaign to educate restaurants and residents.

The Commission discussed brainstorming ideas, incentives, having an ordinance or policy, and implementing the education campaign with a tentative effective date of September 1, 2019.

The Commission also discussed ideas of interlocking websites, promoting collaborative businesses, keeping things simple, needing someone to be in charge of talking to restaurants and following up with them as well as reaching out to the Chamber of Commerce.

A Fenwick high school student spoke about ideas for reaching out and her experience with talking to different groups.

Restaurant and public awareness through the possible use of artistic installments, plastic free cocktail hour, and involving students and social media were discussed among the Commission.

Another high school student spoke about additional social media ideas as a means of reaching out to people.

The Commission discussed the next steps to take moving forward including doing a survey monkey survey, meeting with members from the Chamber of Commerce and Business Districts, and a plastic free summer campaign.

Agenda Item: 2019 Earth Month Event coverage and education topics – 1 event at Library

Mindy spoke to the Commission about the two upcoming events – Earth Fest and opening weekend for Farmer’s Market and expressed needing two volunteers. The Commission discussed ideas for giveaways and budgeting for items.

MOTION: A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Judson and Commissioner Morales seconds the motion. No further discussion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.