

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 @ 6:00pm
Alexa Room – Village Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09PM.

Members Present: Sheila Schwartz, Acting Chairperson; Amy Decker; Lorraine Leisenberg;
George Tuhowski (6:09PM)

Members Absent: Amy Hartsough, Chairperson; Anna Newell, Trustee; Sana Zafer; Susan
Simmons; Hannelore Conley

Others in Attendance: Mikala Sage, Schaumburg Township Library; Aaron Howe, Staff Liaison

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance for this meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 1, 2025

MOTION, Commissioner Tuhowski; SECOND, Commissioner Decker; 4-0 AYE.

b. August 5, 2025

MOTION, Commissioner Tuhowski; SECOND, Commissioner Decker; 4-0 AYE.

4. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

a. 2025 Community Pride Award Update and Planning

Mr. Howe provided a brief reminder concerning the conclusion of the nominating period for the annual Community Pride Awards.

b. Recycling event recap

Commissioners discussed feedback from the 2025 annual recycling event, including educational materials/promotions distributed by the Sustainability Commission. Commissioner Leisenberg reported hearing from some residents that would like to see two large recycling events per year. Ms. Decker and Mr. Tuhowski supported exploring expanded opportunities for residents that work full-time and can't make it to the Monday electronics drop-off or to Public Works or Village Hall. Commissioners prefer promoting and educating residents at existing events as opposed to sponsoring or adding another unique event.

The next meeting of the Sustainability Commission is scheduled for October 7, 2025 @ 6:00pm.

Commissioners Schwartz and Decker encouraged the Village to continue pursuing expanded opportunities for education and proper material disposal at the Village Green and NOW Arena.

5. OLD BUSINESS

a. Green Business Program Revival

This item will be discussed at a future meeting of the commission.

6. NEW BUSINESS (6:40 PM)

a. Commission Planning – Remainder of 2025

Commissioners provided Mr. Howe with thoughts on materials to prepare for the November 8, 2025, Public Works Open House, including “What goes where?” materials, particularly materials that help to bridge the gap between the younger intended audience of the Open House and their parents. Additional ideas include educating attendees, or providing materials on, the types of plastic that can be recycled in what methods, the importance of breaking down boxes towards having them properly recycled, and more.

Other possible opportunities to promote initiatives for the remainder of 2025 include the Friendship Tree Lighting ceremony at Village Hall, water bills to residents, and library programs, including various reuse/exchange events (gift wrap, Halloween costumes, puzzles, etc.).

b. Commission Planning – 2026 Outlook

Commissioner Decker proposed a review of the previous 2025 plan to identify the progress that was made this year compared to the things that the group wanted to do but didn't. Mr. Howe will create a summary of commission accomplishments for further discussion.

7. OTHER

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.