Sustainability Commission Agenda

Village Hall | Terrace Room
1225 Cedar Lane Northbrook, IL 60062
Thursday, March 19, 2026

5:30 PM

1. ROLL CALL

2. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Minutes for approval - February 19, 2026.
Review and approve February 19, 2026 Sustainability Commission meeting minutes.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

This agenda item is reserved for members of the public who desire to address the Public Body on a topic that is within purview and jurisdiction of the Public Body, but that is not listed in another location on the agenda. If you would like to speak about a matter that is listed on the agenda, we ask that you wait until that agenda item is called, and we will give you an opportunity to speak then. Anyone desiring to speak should fill out a written speaker form (located in the back of the meeting room) and submit it to the Staff Liaison. "Public Comment Time" is not a forum for open dialogue or engagement with members of the Public Body. Rather, it is intended as an opportunity for you to make comments to the Public Body. While the Public Body will not immediately respond to public comments at this meeting, or engage in a back and forth discussion during the meeting, please be assured that the Public Body is actively listening to all comments, thoughts, and suggestions. All speakers will be limited to a total of three minutes. We request that everyone be respectful, civil, and non-repetitive; and we ask that members of the audience refrain from applauding or making any other comments during or after any speaker. Thank you for your understanding and taking the time to contribute to the success of our community.

4. DISCUSSION TOPICS

A. Northbrook Climate Action Day
Discussion topics will include the banner design, decisions about a plant giveaway, Northbrook 125th incorporation and invitation schedule.

B. Sustainability Commission updates.
The Sustainability Coordinator will provide updates on topics of interest to the Sustainability Commission.

C. 2026 Green Moments.
Calendar of 2026 Green (Community) Moments dates and discussion of possible topics.

5. REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

6. ADJOURN

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MEMORANDUM

To: Sustainability Commission
From: Sustainability Coordinator Kate Carney
Date: 2026-03-19
Subject: Minutes for approval - February 19, 2026.

Overview
Review and approve February 19, 2026 Sustainability Commission meeting minutes.

Fiscal Impact
N/A.

Recommendation
Review and approval.

Background

SC 2-19-26 minutes draft.pdf

Regular Meeting Minutes *Draft*

Terrace Room
Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane
Thursday, February 19, 2026

ROLL CALL: Chairman Jeremy Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Members Bernadette Knight, Aaron Stash, Katie Suarez, Sandra Weiss, Ying Wang, Chairman Jeremy Reynolds, & Student Member Cecily Stash. A quorum was present.

Village of Northbrook Staff Present: Liaison Kate Carney, Sustainability Coordinator & Gale Cerabona, Recorder

Absent: Member Becky Lee and Student Member Gabriela Tamamidis

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Revisions were shared.

Member Knight moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2026, Sustainability Commission meeting as amended. Member Weiss seconded the motion. Member Aaron Stash abstained. The minutes were approved 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were no Public Comments.

DISCUSSION TOPICS
1. 2025 CAP Progress Report
Liaison Carney introduced Ted Redmond with paleBLUEdot who joined the meeting via Zoom.

Mr. Redmond offered a presentation and compared FY 2023, 2024, and noted progress to date. Natural gas consumption, etc. resumed a downward trend. He advised this data is for 2024.

Member Knight asked if fuel gallons are the same as 2023. Mr. Redmond noted that should be indicated as 1,549 on both schedules but will confirm.

Mr. Redmond continued:

- From 2010-2020, trends for Total Emissions were:
  - 50% reduction
  - 4% increase in population
- Emissions
  - 2010 – 661,000 Metric Tons CO2e
  - 2024 – 328,000 Metric Tons CO2e
- Goal for 2024 was 473,000 Metric Tons CO2e
- Overall energy consumption
  - electricity 22.0% (10% reduction)
  - natural gas 16.5%
  - water/waste water 40% change

Mr. Redmond reviewed the Summary Chart.

Member Stash asked, and Mr. Redmond discussed an increase in non-residential electricity. It was noted the grid can't be controlled.

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Member Weiss asked if 1-year changes could be correlated (weather changes). Mr. Redmond said yes. He shared that emission goals are irrelevant of weather. There will not be good data for consumption changes. Natural gas has a linkage to non-residential demand; may have to do with weather. Electricity does not have to do with weather.

- Miles driven per household have increased by 1.4% year over year and 15.6% since 2010.
- Solid waste is down 6.8% annually.
- Recycling tonnage is down 14.6% annually.
- Solid waste is down 3%; Liaison Carney noted the waste vendor was switched in September, 2024.

Mr. Redmond will correct noted errors and Liaison Carney will distribute the revised version.

Member Stash said these are 2024 numbers. He asked when 2025 numbers would be available. Liaison Carney said she hopes in December and will begin process in July.

2. <u>Northbrook Climate Action Day</u>

Liaison Carney advised she asked the Communications Team to create a 3x6 banner. She displayed 2 options. The Members provided feedback.

Member Stash moved to change the recycle bin to *Sustainable Northbrook* on Option 1. Member Weiss seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Student Member Cecily Stash offered to make changes by February 25, 2026.

Liaison Carney stated she would produce the invitations. The exhibitor list was discussed. Everyone shared responsibilities and revisions.

Member Stash asked about food or entertainment.

REMARKS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Sustainability Commission is on March 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Member Stash moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. Chair Reynolds seconded the motion, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Cerabona
Recorder

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MEMORANDUM

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Date: 2026-03-19
Subject: Northbrook Climate Action Day

Overview
Discussion topics will include the banner design, decisions about a plant giveaway, Northbrook 125th incorporation and invitation schedule.

Fiscal Impact
N/A.

Recommendation
The Commission will discuss several items for planning the Northbrook Climate Action Day event.

Background
The Sustainability Coordinator recommends that the Sustainability Commission decides event details for the Northbrook Climate Action Day event on May 30, 2026.

MEMORANDUM

To: Sustainability Commission
From: Sustainability Coordinator Kate Carney
Date: 2026-03-19
Subject: Sustainability Commission updates.

Overview
The Sustainability Coordinator will provide updates on topics of interest to the Sustainability Commission.

Fiscal Impact
N/A.

Recommendation
Receive and discuss as necessary updates from Staff Liaison.

Background
The Sustainability Commission is interested in programs and events in the Village and will receive updates on the buckthorn program and tree giveaway.

MEMORANDUM

To: Sustainability Commission
From: Sustainability Coordinator Kate Carney
Date: 2026-03-19
Subject: 2026 Green Moments.

Overview
Calendar of 2026 Green (Community) Moments dates and discussion of possible topics.

Fiscal Impact
N/A.

Recommendation
Sustainability Commissioners will select dates and discuss topics for Green Moments through the end of 2026.

Background
The Sustainability Coordinator will present the following 2026 Green (Community) Moments and possible topics that require a Commission to present.

- April 14 – Composting?
- May 26 – Climate Action Day?
- June 23
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22 – Community Garden update?
- October 27 – Pumpkin Smash?
- December 8