Chairman Reynolds called the EQC meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Northbrook Village Hall, 1225 Cedar Lane.

The following Members were in attendance: Jeremy Reynolds, Dale Duda, Mike Beeftink, and Becky Lee. A full quorum was met.

Also Present: Assistant Public Works Director Matt Morrison

Members absent: Scott Robson, Kent Figge, and Brian Bruce

Minutes

Minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting were approved as amended on a voice vote.

Hear from the Audience

There was none.

Old Business

Continued Discussion of Plastic Bag Ban
Village staff provided an overview of the information received from the City of Evanston and Village of Oak Park. Staff reviewed the feedback from the City of Evanston on their ban on plastic bags. The ban has led businesses to increase the thickness of their plastic bags, thus removing them from the single use designation, and has not led to an overall decrease in the number of plastic bags being used. The Village of Oak Park has had success with their $0.10 per bag fee of which Oak Park and businesses split. The Oak Park fee is also applied to paper and plastic bags. The Village of Oak Park already had a process/structure for collecting local taxes and fees from businesses that the Village of Northbrook does not. The Environmental Quality Commission agreed that taking an incremental steps of providing plastic bag recycling at Village facilities, providing reusable shopping bags to residents, and providing a leave one/take one drop off spot for existing reusable shopping bags was appropriate. The Commission decided that a final review of the topic will be done at the February EQC meeting.

Discussion of Neonicotinoid Pesticides
The Commission continued their discussion of Neonicotinoid Pesticides and educational materials that can be made available to residents on how to properly use pesticides so as to eliminate or reduce their impact on pollinators. Commissioner Duda stated she would begin working on an outline for the educational materials that the Commission could review at upcoming meetings.

New Business

Preparation for Earth and Arbor Day Celebration
Assistant Public Works Director stated that the 2019 Earth and Arbor Day Celebration was planned for April 13, 2019. Mr. Morrison stated that traditionally the Commission has a table at the event and has materials including coupons for milkweed plants and information on the work the Commission has
done over the last year. Chairman Reynolds stated he would begin working on the draft overview materials for the Earth/Arbor Day celebration.

**Good of the Order**

Assistant Public Works Director Morrison provided a summary of the Community and Sustainability Committee Meeting. Mr. Morrison stated

Chairman Reynolds stated that the Commission had received an email from a resident requesting that the Commission review the banning the use of Styrofoam food containers from at restaurants.

Mr. Morrison provided an update on the Green Business and Green Resident Awards. Mr. Morrison stated that the webpage with the Green Business and Green Resident Awards

Commissioner Duda stated that the Farmers Market will be holding its 11th season again at the Meadow Shopping Center. There have been some rumors about the future of the shopping center but it will not impact the Farmers Market’s 2019 season.

**Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the EQC is scheduled for February 21, 2019.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Beeftink made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee. On a voice vote the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Matt Morrison
Liaison