

WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2023

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Hanley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.; Voting Members present: Commissioners Patrick Hanley, Peter Eck, Brendan Andrew and Tim Ring. Voting Members absent: Liz Kunkle, Gregory Frezados and David Varca. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative present: Robert Dearborn. Student Representative Present: Scarlett Harper. Interim Staff Liaison present: Erik Jensen, Assistant Public Works Director. Public present: Berina Gradjan.

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1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Hanley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members. Interim Staff Representative Jensen took roll call for attendance. Chairperson Hanley welcomed the newly appointed EFC Commissioner Tim Ring.

2) Public Comment:

None.

3) New Business/Old Business Updates:

a) Presentation by New Trier High School Green Award Recipient David Conway:

Chairperson Hanley stated that Mr. Conway was not able to attend the meeting but would be presenting at the October 11, 2023 meeting.

4) Communications:

a) Recycling Tips

The Commissioners reviewed the Recycling Tips document prepared by Commissioner Kunkle.

5) Commission/Staff Reports:

Chairperson Hanley discussed the recent Village Council discussions on the Solar Demonstration Project at the Village Yards and Lakefront Zoning. Trustee Dearborn recapped the discussions held at the Tuesday, September 12 Council study session.

6) Open Forum:

Chairperson Hanley briefly overviewed his vision that individual Commissioners could pursue their interests related to sustainability and use the Commission as a way to evaluate ideas and

provide feedback. He noted that he had asked Commissioners to come tonight with potential interests to pursue.

A discussion followed of the interests each Commissioner had.

Commissioner Frezados joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Ultimately, the Commissioners determined the following areas of interest:

- A) Commissioner Andrew: Alternative power generation.
- B) Commissioner Ring: Ease of use for energy regulations.
- C) Commissioner Frezados: Public financing of solar options.
- D) Student Representative Harper: New Trier High School Improvements and lessons to be learned and shared.
- E) Commissioner Eck: Compilation of community carbon assessments to determine best practices.

7) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Hanley asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Andrew and seconded by Commissioner Ring. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.