



Village of Winnetka

Environmental and Forestry Commission Meeting

October 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Winnetka Village Hall Council Chambers - 510
Green Bay Road

AGENDA

1. **Introduction & Chair's Remarks**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the August 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes
4. **Old Business Updates**
 - a. Friends of the Green Bay Trail Pilot Program Update
 - b. Winnetka Future Energy Forum to be held Tuesday, October 22nd
5. **New Business**
 - a. EV Readiness Program
 - b. SolSmart Check-In/Follow-Up
6. **Communications**
 - a. November 2024 Communications
 - b. December 2024 Communications
7. **Committee/Staff Reports**
8. **Open Forum**
9. **Adjournment**

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2024**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Police Department Conference Room, 410 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Hanley called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Chair Hanley notified those in attendance that Village Council Representative Dearborn had requested to attend this meeting remotely due to a work obligation. Chair Hanley stated that this is permissible provided that 2/3 of the Commission does not object. Chair Hanley asked for any objections. Seeing none, Representative Dearborn was approved to participate in the meeting remotely.

Voting Members present: Chair Patrick Hanley and Commissioners Elizabeth Kunkle, Gregory Frezados and Peter Eck. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative present: Bob Dearborn. Student Representative Present: Scarlett Harper. Interim Staff Liaison present: Erik Jensen, Assistant Public Works Director.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chair Hanley welcomed the group and noted that there were several public comments this evening and reminded the Commission of the upcoming IMEA forum on Tuesday, October 22nd.

2) Public Comment:

From the audience, Mr. Chuck Dowding spoke about the proposed special use permit for the Centennial Park project. A conversation followed on the review process and potential inputs into that process.

From the audience, Ms. Vicki Apatoff discussed her concerns with the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of the July Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ring, seconded by Commissioner Frezados to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: KUNKLE, FREZADOS, ECK, HANLEY.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: ANDREW, RING, VARCA.

4) Old Business Updates:

a) Friends of the Green Bay Trail Update

From the audience, Mr. Bryan Lammers updated the Commission on the previously discussed Green Bay Trail demonstration project. He reviewed the planting plan and proposed costs. After some discussion, Commissioners voiced support for the project.

5) New Business

None

6) Communications:

a) September Communications Items

A motion was made by Commissioner Frezados, seconded by Commissioner Eck to approve the September Communications as amended. On a voice vote, all aye.

b) October Communications Items

There were no comments.

7) Commission/Staff Reports:

None

8) Open Forum:

Chair Hanley noted that there were no major updates this evening.

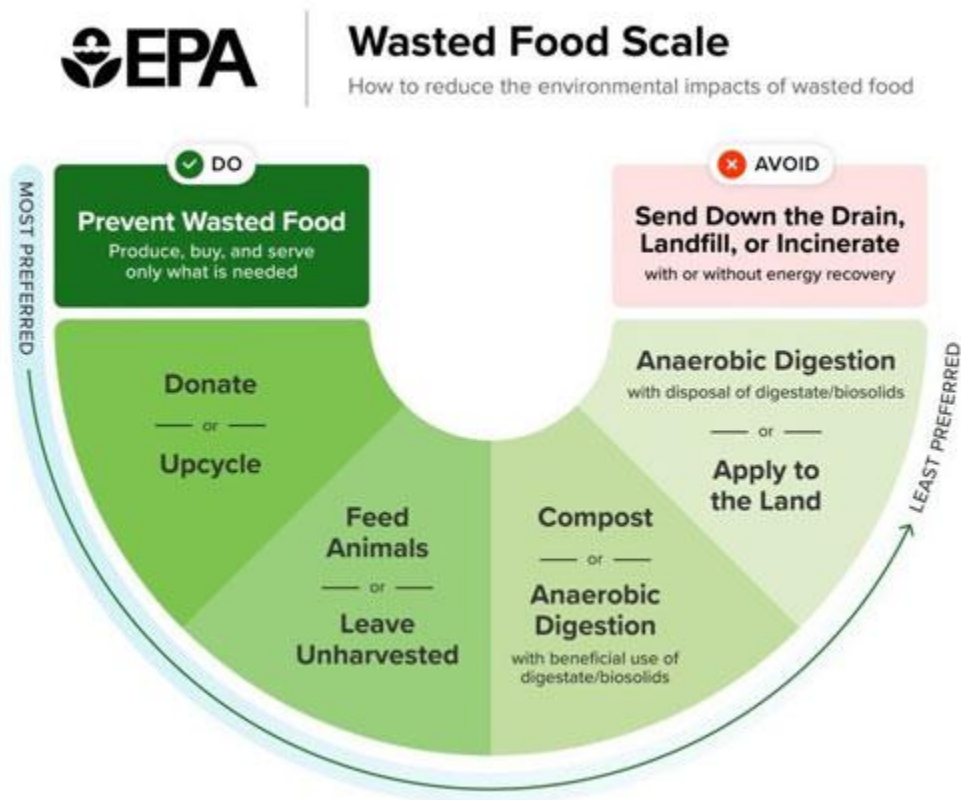
9) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chair Hanley asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Frezados. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote; the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



What do Greeley School, Hubbard Woods School, Washburne School, New Trier's East Campus, the Winnetka Congregational Church, and the Elm Street Train Station all have in common? They're all drop-off sites for Winnetka's residential food scrap collection program! Find out more about specific locations and drop-off hours on the Village website [here](#).

New Info on Wasted Food Released



Need a little nudge to start composting? [New reports](#)—and a new Wasted Food Scale—from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provide updated recommendations for managing food waste and reveal the impacts of food waste on landfill methane emissions. **Bottom line: wasted food causes 58% of methane emissions from municipal solid waste landfills.**

December 2020 EFC Communications Content

1. Holiday Tree Pick-Up

E-blast Newsletter

Christmas trees will be picked up from the curbside for shredding, chipping, and composting beginning **DATES TBD**. After DATE TBD, a refuse sticker will be required to ensure pickup. Please remove everything from trees, including plastic bags or wraps, ornaments, tinsel, wires, and the stand, as these will clog and damage the shredder. If you have questions about the program, please call 847-716-3568.

2. EFC Green Awards Application Reminder

E-blast Newsletter

The Village of Winnetka's Environmental and Forestry Commission invites nominations for the third-annual Green Awards Program. The purpose of the program is to recognize properties and households within Winnetka that demonstrate exceptional commitment to sustainable and environmentally-friendly practices. Residents, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to nominate their house, property, building or project that has been completed within the past five years. The award categories include: Green Building, Recycling/Waste Reduction, Land, Air, Water/Stormwater, Energy, and Innovation/Other.

If you believe your recent project has helped make Winnetka a more environmentally-friendly or sustainable community, the Commission asks that you consider applying. Applications are available through the Public Works Department at 1390 Willow Road, or by clicking here (<http://www.villageofwinnetka.org/government/boards-and-commissions/environmental-and-forestry-commission/>). The application deadline is DATE TBD. Category winners will be announced on Earth Day (**April 22, 2024**). If you have any questions about the program, contact **TBD** at **TBD**.

3. Holiday Lights Recycling

E-blast Newsletter

As you decorate for the holidays, you may discover that some old lights and extension cords don't work. Recycle them with the Village's year-round light recycling program! All types of holiday lights and cords are accepted for recycling at the Public Works Yards, 1390 Willow Road, weekdays from 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreathes, or other non-recyclable items. If you have questions about the program, please call 847-716-3568.

4. Commercial District Business Lighting

E-blast Newsletter

Chamber of Commerce

Economic Development Newsletter

Many businesses in Winnetka keep their interior lighting on throughout the night for safety and crime prevention purposes. Although this may provide more security, it also uses excess electricity. The use of LED or other energy efficient bulbs can help reduce energy consumption and lower electric bills. Businesses are encouraged to use LED lighting in their stores to reduce their electricity use.

5. Use of Natural Light During Winter

E-blast Newsletter

The way your home is oriented should inform your decisions about where to install new windows or skylights — perhaps the most obvious way to harvest more natural light. How is the house positioned in terms of north, south, east, west is the place to start, because anything done with windows or skylights is going to be impacted by that. Adding glass on the south side of a home, where the sun spends most of its daytime arc, will generally provide the most brightness for your buck.

Consider experimenting with your home's layout as it relates to the sun. If your living room feels trapped in perpetual twilight, but a seldom-used, south-facing dining room is drenched in sun, try swapping their functions.