

**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.