



# Village of Winnetka

## Environmental, Forestry, & Sustainability Commission Meeting

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November 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
Police Department  
410 Green Bay Road

### **AGENDA**

1. **Introduction & Chair's Remarks**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
  - a. September 10 EFSC Meeting Minutes
4. **Old Business Updates**
  - a. Climate Action Plan Engagement and Input
5. **New Business**
  - a. Special sustainability issue of Winnetka Report
6. **Communications**
7. **Committee/Staff Reports**
8. **Open Forum**
9. **Adjournment**

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL, FORESTRY, AND SUSTAINABILITY  
COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental, Forestry and Sustainability Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

**Call to Order:**

Chair Eck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Voting Members present: Chair Peter Eck and Commissioners. A quorum of presently appointed members was present Gregory Frezados, Liz Kunkle, King Poor, Dave Varca, Brendan Andrew, Tim Ring. Voting members absent: None. Village Council Representative absent: Kim Handler. Student Representative present: Louisa Hernandez, Scarlett Harper. Student Representative absent: None. Staff Liaison present: Elyse Steiner, Sustainability Coordinator.

**1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:**

New student representative, Louisa Hernandez, was introduced and welcomed to the Commission again for the benefit of those who missed the August meeting.

**2) Public Comment:**

NONE

**3) Review and Approval of Minutes**

a) Approval of the August Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Poor, seconded by Commissioner Kunkle to approve the minutes.

AYES: FREZADOS, KUNKLE, VARCA, POOR, ECK, ANDREW, RING

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

**4) Old Business:**

NONE

**5) New Business**

a) Winter road salt presentation by Erik Jensen, Winnetka Public Works Department. The Village has evaluated chemical options and adopted new forecasting and monitoring technologies to save time, money, and environmental impact. Next step to identify opportunities for public education and outreach such as Village communications.

- b) Solar energy and battery storage presentation by Paul Doughty, Certasun. Found over 30 solar projects in Zip Code 60093, below comparable peers. Advantages of battery storage for backup power during an outage. Illinois Shines program compensates owners for their Renewable Energy Credits, helping to lower total project costs along with net metering credits.

Opportunity in Winnetka to update fire code to 2018/2021 would make the corridor requirement for rooftop solar panels narrower than older code.

**6) Communications:**

Deferred conversation on opportunity to work with Village Communications on a special Sustainability issue of the Winnetka Report until October meeting.

**7) Commission/Staff Reports:**

Farmers' market participation on September 13. Peter and Scarlett available to represent EFSC.

North Shore Town Hall next Wednesday September 17 in Wilmette

Caucus survey results under review. Micromobility (e-scooters and motorbikes) was a top concern.

Rob Bahan's retirement party on Sept 30 is open to all.

**8) Open Forum:**

None.

**9) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Eck asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Varca. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote; the meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.