

**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL, FORESTRY, AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 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 Police Station classroom, 410 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Eck called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Voting Members present: Chair Peter Eck and Commissioners. A quorum of presently appointed members was present, Liz Kunkle, King Poor, Dave Varca. Voting members absent: Gregory Frezados Brendan Andrew, Tim Ring. Village Council Representative absent: Kim Handler. Student Representative present: Louisa Hernandez. Student Representative absent: Scarlett Harper. Staff Liaison present: Elyse Steiner, Sustainability Coordinator.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chair Eck recognized the work and achievements of the EFSC in 2025.

2) Public Comment:

NONE

3) Review and Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of the September Regular Meeting Minutes

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

AYES: KUNKLE, VARCA, POOR, ECK,

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: FREZADOS, ANDREW, RING

4) Old Business:

a) Climate Action Plan

Emilee O'Neill from Keramida led the CAP engagement session with the EFSC members starting with some background and results of the greenhouse gas inventory. The conversation covered the scope, timing, and expectations of the final deliverable. The plan will set a long-term target and identify the actions, policies, and technologies that will contribute to emission reductions.

b) Sustainability special issue of Winnetka Report

List of potential topics/ stories in shared folder for review and volunteers to take responsibility for drafting. Suggestion to add education on “leave the leaves” campaign and organize a Clean Up the Park Day. Proposal to finalize draft by May.

c) **Green Events**

Reflects research and reviews of other community practices to educate and motivate waste-reduction at large events. Wilmette provides some examples, guidelines. Next step to engage Council members on feasibility and acceptability.

5) **New Business**

5) **Communications:**

6) **Commission/Staff Reports:**

7) **Open Forum:**

None.

8) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Eck asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Poor. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote; the meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.